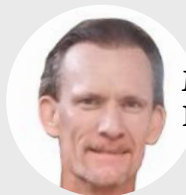


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"Mark" My Words... *a message from Dawn Giganti* (filling in for Mark. He has some exciting things going on, like one of his sons getting married! I'll let him fill you in on the details as soon as he can.)

Hello everyone!

So, we geared up for a big snowstorm that was uneventful. Then, we did get hit with some snow just before a deep freeze. Hopefully, the rest of winter will be uneventful. If not, we'll just have to cuddle up with our favorite blanket, a hot cup of tea and a good book! Saying that out loud makes it not seem so bad!

February is always the longest month of the year for me even though it has the least amount of days. I think it is because, by February, I'm a little antsy from being cooped up from winter and am ready for spring. I miss the sunshine and warmth. However, I am thankful for each, and every day I am blessed to wake up to. God is good!

I feel blah about getting an abundance of snow and winter feeling like it is going to last forever, but I'm keeping my attitude adjusted and in check. I can't a circumstance like the end of the winter season bring me down. It's not always easy to keep our attitude in check when things don't go the way we want them to. Your attitude can ruin an entire day (or even longer) in a matter of seconds if you let it.

We all have life circumstances to deal with every single day. Even though there will always be circumstances that are forced on us and outside our control, we do have a choice on how we respond. It is a natural response to become resentful and complain. You have to make a conscious decision to stop rather than complain... switch gears and handle it the best way you can. It isn't easy, and it probably won't be your initial reaction. And that is totally okay! The more you are conscious about it and switch the gears, the easier it becomes to have a better attitude. Over time, your first reaction WILL start to become a more positive one.

Is there a small part of your life that your attitude could use improvement? What events have you been just reacting to rather than switching gears? Remind yourself that even though you might have been dealt a junky hand, you are still the one that holds the cards. Your attitude is the one thing you control, and that is the one thing that can change everything. Keep your hearts warm inside, and it won't matter how cold it is outside. Have a blessed month of February & Happy Valentine's Day!

Dawn Giganti | Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV)

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Month at a Glance:

2nd Ground Hog Day - "If Punxsutawney Phill sees his shadow, it will mean 6 more years of the New England Patriots winning the Superbowl."

3rd Superbowl Sunday - Superbowl 53: Los Angeles Rams & New England Patriots. Kickoff 5:30pm Central Time televised by CBS. Who do you think will win?

14th Valentine's Day - "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

18th President's or Presidents' Day - George Washington didn't chop own a cherry tree and tell his father, "I cannot tell a lie." He didn't even chop down the tree! Parson Mason Weems (1759-1825), one of Washington's biographers, made up the story hoping to demonstrate Washington's honesty.

Next Leap Year is 2020

Leap year isn't going to happen this year. Only once every four years you get an extra day. Saturday, February 29th, 2020 is the next time we'll get to have a 366-day year instead of 365 days. Leap days are necessary to keep our calendar inline with the earth's revolutions around the sun. Here are some other fun facts about leap years and days:

Leap years are needed to keep our modern day Gregorian calendar in alignment with the earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the earth approximately 365.242189 days – or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds – to circle once around the sun. If we don't add that extra day on February 29th every four years, we would lose almost 6 hours every year. After 100 years, the calendar would be about 24 days off.



There is a leap year every year whose number is perfectly divisible by four - except for years which are both divisible by 100 and not divisible by 400. The second part of the rule effects century years. For example; the century years 1600 and 2000 are leap years, but the century years 1700, 1800, and 1900 are not.

A few countries that have a different "leap" ... the Chinese calendar adds a whole leap month every 3 years. The name of a leap month is the same as the previous lunar month. The last Chinese calendar leap month began on October 24, 2014. The next leap month will be in 2020, when a second lunar month 4 will be observed. A leap year in the Ethiopian calendar occurs when an extra day is added to the last month of the year every four years. A year in the Ethiopian calendar is 13 months long, with 12 months of 30 days each. The last month has 5 days in a common year and 6 days during leap year. So, like in the Julian calendar, a leap year in the Ethiopian calendar happens every 4 years without exception.

A fun Leap year tradition – It's acceptable for a woman to propose to a man on Feb. 29. The custom has been attributed to St. Bridget, who is said to have complained to St. Patrick about women having to wait for men to propose marriage. Patrick supposedly gave women one day to propose. There is a movie starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode from 2010 called "Leap Year." It's about a woman who travels to Ireland to ask her boyfriend to accept her wedding proposal on leap day, when tradition says that men cannot refuse a woman's marriage proposal.

People born on leap day are often called "leaplings" or "leapers." Most of them celebrate their birthday on Feb. 28 or March 1 on non-leap years. The twin cities of Anthony, TX and Anthony, NM are the self-proclaimed Leap Year Capitals of the World. They hold a four-day leap year festival each leap year that includes a huge birthday party for all leap year babies. There's even a leap year club called The Honor Society of Leap Year Babies. It's a club for people born on February 29th. More than 10,000 people worldwide are members.

Some famous leapers are Bryce Paup – NFL linebacker of the Green Bay Packers and Buffalo Bills, Antonio Sabato Jr – actor who played Jagger Cates in General Hospital, Chris Devine – Pennsylvania diver in the 1996, Fabien Bowens – an NFL wide receiver for the Chicago Bears, Dave Williams – American singer for Drowning Pool (d. 2002), Ja Rule – American rapper and actor from NYC, Terrence Long – American baseball player.

George Armstrong Custer fought the Battle of the Little Bighorn on a leap year in 1876. Some others are the Titanic sank in 1912, Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity in 1752 and gold was discovered in California in 1848.

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Clean Out Your Computer Day - February 11th, 2019



I am thankful the most important key in history was invented. It's not the key to your house, your car, your boat, your safety deposit box, your bike lock or your private community. It's the key to order, sanity, and peace of mind. The key is 'Delete.' ~ Elayne Boosler

When your computer is running slowly, you may stop to wonder what's causing it. The causes can be legion, and not all of them have to do

with the contents of your hard drive. That's an excellent place to start, but one must remember that body and mind are tied in people, and that's just as true in computers. Clean Out Your Computer Day reminds you that you need to take care of the entire system, inside and out, digital and physical, so get to it!

History of Clean Out Your Computer Day – When was the last time you cleaned out your fans and dusted off your motherboard? Have you looked at your graphics card to see if its cooling fan and fins are clean? For that matter, when did you last clean out you even opened the case? Make sure that your system is powered down and disconnected (don't panic! You'll survive the half hour or so you have it down, I promise!) and then find a good online tutorial to show you the way to get it done safely. All that dust traps heat, and if you aren't aware, computers really don't function well under high stress and heat.

Once you have it all cleaned out inside, you'll want to put it back together and boot it up. Believe us, you're likely to see an immediate improvement in its performance. Once that's done, it's time to go through and clean out unnecessary files from your computer, a clogged up hard drive can be just as bad as a clogged-up fan on your computer, though it won't as often destroy your computer.

How to celebrate Clean Out Your Computer Day – It's right there in the name, clean out your computer. Start by tearing down that case, opening it up, and clean out all the dust and grime that's inside. You may have more dust than you think in there, and it's causing your system to slow down. Get the Hard Drive cleaned out next, and you can enjoy another year of a smooth-running computer, as fast as the day you bought them.

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MEGA Trivia Contest

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This month's Mega Trivia question:

Which awards show normally occurs at the end of February?

- (A) Tony Awards**
- (B) Grammy Awards**
- (C) Academy Awards**
- (D) Golden Globe**

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, February 20th, 2019. Good luck!!!

Answer to January's quiz:

D) The Rose Bowl

Congratulations to last month's winner:

Michelle Schilf

of Frankfort, IL

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18 Reasons to Volunteer Your Time



Volunteering a portion our time is something everyone should do. All around us are reminders that others need our help and would benefit from any amount of time we can contribute. However, there are many other reasons to volunteer. Not only are you helping others, but you are also benefiting yourself. Here are a few reasons how:

- ✓ meeting new people
- ✓ making new friends
- ✓ building personal and professional contacts
- ✓ building your self-esteem and self-confidence
- ✓ developing new job skills
- ✓ making a difference in the world
- ✓ increasing personal satisfaction
- ✓ adding experience to your resume
- ✓ developing people skills
- ✓ developing communication skills
- ✓ doing something together as a family
- ✓ exploring career possibilities
- ✓ feeling needed and appreciated
- ✓ sharing your skills and talents with others
- ✓ challenging yourself
- ✓ doing something different
- ✓ earning academic credit
- ✓ improving your health
- ✓ having fun!

It doesn't feel like it, but you actually get more out of volunteering than you put into it. Find a volunteer opportunity and give some of your time. You will be glad you did.

THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

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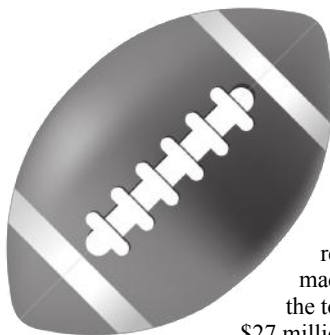
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Football Q & A – Not Commonly Known Pro Football Facts



Where did the name football come from? – Although the accepted source of the word football, or "foot ball," originated in reference to the action of a foot kicking a ball, this may be false. An alternative explanation has it that the word originally referred to a variety of games in medieval Europe, which were played on foot.

Who is the highest paid football player in the NFL? – As of January 2018, just a couple of months after Carr signed his record-breaking contract, Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford made history with a five-year, \$135 million deal that earned him the top spot on the list of highest-paid NFL players. He gets paid \$27 million annually – the NFL's highest-ever salary.

What is the average height and weight of an NFL Football player? – NFL players are big in terms of both height and weight, with the average player height running 6 feet 4 inches. Players can be as tall as 6 feet 8 inches and as short as 6 feet. It's unlikely for an NFL player to weigh less than 250 pounds. The average defensive tackle in 2013 weight in at about 305 pounds.



What is the average salary of an NFL football player? – The average salary of an NFL player is \$2.1 million, according to Forbes, but Brady's salary still ranks far below some of his peers.

Who is the oldest active NFL football player? – It's not Tom Brady, quarterback of the New England Patriots. Tom comes in at number four at age 41 (born August 3, 1977). Tom has been active in the NFL for 19 years (2000-present).

Adam Vinatieri, placekicker for the Indianapolis Colts, is currently the oldest active player in the NFL at 46 years old (born December 28, 1972). Adam has been active in the NFL for 23 years (1996 – present).

Where can you find the official rules and regulations of Pro Football? – Many websites dedicated to the NFL have the official rules and regulations of Pro Football that can be downloaded or viewed for free. There are also books that can be purchased locally with the official rules and regulations.

Kids say the funniest things

Nicholas was taking a math test. The first question was, "Bob has 36 candy bars. He eats 29. What does he have now?" Nicholas answered, "Bob has diabetes."

Paige was working on her social studies homework. Question 10 asked, "How might Columbia solve the problem of guerrillas trying to control the country?" Paige answered, "If a country can't figure it out, how can I?"

What is the funniest thing a child has ever said to YOU? Please email dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com and share your story we can feature in a future Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking newsletter!

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