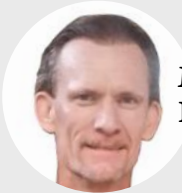


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## "Mark" My Words... a message from Mark Bouquet, Sr.

Hi to all!

I like spring because the weather isn't overly humid. This year we can get going on the new landscape in front of the new Mokena location. We ran out of weather last fall. As soon as that's done, I believe the plan is to have new videos done of the inside and outside of the store. We are proud of this store. I'm so happy my son Mark wanted this location as bad as I did. I stayed at what kept looking like a lost cause, but then a glimmer of hope would come in, and we were able to make a deal. I know we've been in here a while already, but without my friend and VP of lending at PeopleFirst Bank in Shorewood, Erik Schelling, who pulled off the bank loan in 24 hours, we would have missed out on the best thing in years to happen to the business.

I'm not in my 20's anymore, so there was just no way I could do the buildout like I've done so many times in the past. Mark, Jake, Cody, and Clay stepped up to the plate and were awesome! Our staff worked in harsh conditions, too. It was indeed a team effort. I want to say thank you to all the people that moved four blocks south with us to stay clients of ours. I don't know if you realize how much of a blessing that was and such a relief because this was a massive move.

I have the most loyal customers in the world. I hope as we grow, [we are trying] we keep that hands-on approach, and you can see the difference in the knowledge of our salespeople and the quality of the installations. But more than that, things will always go wrong. I hope you see we genuinely want to resolve matters in your favor even when it hurts. It's been my policy since I started 29 years ago this April. I've been in the industry for 33 years. It's changed so much, but customer service hasn't one bit. No one wants to wait for a second longer than they have to when there's an issue. We have great suppliers, and they will do backbends to help us through a problem.

I don't know if you know, but we have two Dawns in the back office. Both are great friends of ours, and they go by D1 and D2. Well, D2 always looks up some sometimes interesting "factoids" for me. If something is going on, this lady knows it! Many of you know I've been a musician since 2nd grade. Leave it to D2 to let me know it's "International Guitar Month!"

April Fool's Day is on the first. I know it's a "silly day" for most people. But it was my dad's birthday. He was a Marine, a great dad, and I can't tell you how much I miss him. He would have been 80 years old this April 1st. I love you pops!

There are a couple of big days on April 2nd. In 1983, Tammy and I were married, and I sure made out like a bandit on this deal! I just thank God that her Kentucky born and raised parents came here for 30 years so I was able to find "the one" that I can't imagine being without. Then there's Tammy's new assistant that I already see Tammy and the Dawn's maybe breathing a little easier. Lauren Biskup's birthday is on April 2nd, too. Lauren, I hope you enjoy our low-key atmosphere and continue to grow and learn the systems. You certainly have been a blessing!

April 11th is my son Clay's birthday. It's amazing how quickly they all grow up. I swear it was just a few weeks ago when we were at Chicago Christian watching him play football.

Chris has a birthday on April 16th. It seems like yesterday he and Mark were hanging out at Chicago Christian or the house. He's been like a 6th son to us! Chris and his wife, Adriana had a baby girl come into the world last Sunday, March 10th. Her name is Maya Sierra. Congratulations to Chris, Adriana and big sister Isabella!

We will be closed, as always, on April 19th for Good Friday and will remain closed on Saturday the 20th. [That happens to be "Husband Appreciation Day!"] Then we will be closed April 21st for Resurrection Day! This way our friends get a chance to spend family time, and we can keep up the tradition.

My birthday is on April 23rd. I'm just happy to be here, and if my bride and I do something together, then it's all good.

Lord Bless All!!!

Mark Bouquet, Sr. | Founder & President  
Creative Carpet & Flooring

## APRIL 2019

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14	15	16	17	18	19 <b>CLOSED</b>	20 <b>CLOSED</b>
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28	29	30				

### Month at a Glance:

**2nd Lauren Biskup's Birthday** - Even though you kinda wish your birthday could quietly slip by & no one would notice... we're still wishing you a Happy Birthday because we love ya!

**11th Clay Bouquet's Birthday** - WE WANTED TO MAKE YOUR BIRTHDAY WISH INTENSE, SO WE'RE TELLING YOU IN ALL CAPS... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**16th Chris Boerema's Birthday** - Here's to another year of laughing at our own jokes and keeping each other sane! Happy birthday!

**19th Good Friday, Saturday & Easter Sunday [CLOSED]** - We will be closed to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ with our families. Wishing you a blessed & joy filled Easter!

**23rd Mark Bouquet's Birthday** - Happy birthday to an incredible boss and friend!

## Spark an Interest in Gardening

Gardening can be fun and rewarding. However, kids today often do not realize that. Since kids love to try new things, you can spark their interest with a few fun gardening gifts. Imagine them asking you for a new planter, a garden decoration or even their own patio furniture instead of a video game!

Children will need to be taught the principle of sowing and reaping at a young age. They need to realize that the decisions and actions they take in life will bring some type of result, good or bad. Planting a garden is an excellent way to teach this. It doesn't need to be a full-blown garden. Just a few small rows of vegetables or flowers are enough. Enough for them to see the result of their efforts as the plants grow. As they care for their garden, it will teach them responsibility. Harvest time will be so exciting if it is a vegetable garden. They can help prepare and cook meals with the food that they grew themselves.



To get started, they will need some garden tools. Get them something unique that is just for them. A few planters that they can decorate themselves and some package of seeds would be great. It would be best to get an assortment of seeds that can all be planted at the same time of year, so they grow simultaneously. This would be easier for them to manage since they are just starting out.

Once they have picked their spot in the yard for their garden, help them decorate it to make it even more fun. Garden sculptures, fountains, garden statues all come in different shapes and sizes. You can also go with a specific animal theme. Some other items that would be fun are wind chimes, flags, stepping stones, garden stakes, thermostats and solar path lights. You could go as far as a garden trellis decorated with flowers in their favorite color.

You can also enhance your child's garden interest by attracting birds. Utilize items like bird feeders, birdhouses, and birdbaths. Don't forget the birdseed! Then, they can watch for different types of birds, discover nearby nests and learn and enjoy each bird's different chirp.

Every child enjoys creating something big that they can call their own. Their own garden will be rewarding and teach them some valuable life lessons. Look online to explore all of the great gardening items available and get started today!

### ***MEET OUR NEW & RETURNING FRIENDS & CLIENTS...***

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Carla & Kevin VanTil	Gerry Pierson	Larry & Jennifer Antone	Sharon Williams
Carolyn Rozdzynsky	Glen & Karen	Liz Spolnik	T.D. & Angelica Igney
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### Refreshing Your Relationship: Schedule Some Fun Time

Ask anyone in a committed long-term relationship the secret of their success and the top response will be the ability to laugh and have fun together. Here are some ideas to keep things fun...

- ▶ Both of you call in sick and play hooky by hanging out at the mall like high school kids ditching class.
- ▶ If it's summer, wash the car and have a water fight in the driveway.
- ▶ If it's raining, go take a walk with or without an umbrella.
- ▶ Walk along the beach, stroll through town window shopping.
- ▶ If it's winter, have a snowball fight and build a snowman.
- ▶ Watch old Friends, Seinfeld or Lucy reruns which are just as funny as when they were made.
- ▶ Spend some time at the store just looking at funny greeting cards.
- ▶ Each of you share your version of the things that happened since you've been together and reminisce.
- ▶ Pick a foreign language and take a class at a local adult school. Only communicate in that when out in public.
- ▶ Try an art class and laugh at your own drawing versions of a fruit bowl.
- ▶ Take a bus or train ride and make-up stories about the other passengers.
- ▶ Go out to eat, but pretend you just met and try out some old pick-up lines.



Life is so short. Problems will arise, and you will be challenged by them. At times, we become overwhelmed by the responsibilities that are required of us. We must make it a point to establish "recess time" to give ourselves a break from the daily grind. Just like kids learn better having a recess time, adults need playtime, too. That way, everyone can return to work re-energized and renewed and be more productive.

Most importantly, the playtime with our partner intensifies our relationship and can keep our affection growing through the years. Then, when problems arise, we'll be more capable of approaching them with a sense of humor. Then, problems will almost always end in teamwork and a positive outlook. So, give laughter a go and enjoy life!

### Interesting Kite Facts

Playing with a kite is an enjoyable activity that you can do in your spare time. You'll see people at the beach or in a field flying kites for relaxation and entertainment. The shapes and styles of kites are amazing. You can even make it your own to show your creativity. Here are some interesting facts about the kite in honor of April being National Kite Month:

**First** - The first kites were made from leaves and flew more than 3000 years ago. The first paper invented kites were created 1000 years ago.

**Banned** - Around 1760, the Japanese people were not allowed to fly a kite because employers claimed it made them lazy. They preferred to fly kites rather than work.

**Germany** - When Germany was separated between the east and west, people were forbidden to fly kites in East Germany. Reason being, the government thought that large kites could fly people over the Berlin wall.

**Usage** - Kites are not just for entertainment. Kites have been used by people in many sea rescues.

**Symbol** - Kites are used for different purposes based on culture. The Orient considers kites as a symbol of prosperity, happiness and good luck. In some cultures, it is used for curing the illness, forecasting weather and scaring birds.

**Hexagon** - In the era of technology, a kite is very useful. To transmit the first radio signal, Marconi used a hexagon kite in 1901.

**Fighting** - Most people fly kites for recreational purpose. However, if you are in Thailand, you'll need to learn about 78 rules of kite fighting.

**Festival** - If you are creative enough to make a kite, you'll need to follow kite festivals. These festivals are held around the world. You'll see many different shapes, styles and sizes of kites here.

**Sizes** - The world record for the smallest kite height is 5 mm. The longest one is recorded around 3394 feet. If you think that a kite is very light, you are wrong. Some kites in Japan weigh more than 2 tons.

**Sales** - In North America, there are 50 million kites sold each year.



My Interesting Facts. (2014, May 27). 10 Interesting Kite Facts. Retrieved from My Interesting Facts: <https://www.myinterestingfacts.com/kite-facts/>

## 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:

**Which holiday is NOT always celebrated in April?**

- (A) Take A Daughter to Work Day
- (B) Good Friday
- (C) Earth Day
- (D) Secretaries Day

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**Answer to March's quiz:**

**D) Spring Equinox**

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**Easter Dates: Past and Future Years**

Easter, considered the greatest feast day in the Christian calendar, is a moveable feast, which means that it falls on a different date each year. Easter always falls on a Sunday, but Easter Sunday can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

**When Is Easter 2019?**

Easter in 2019 will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21. Good Friday is always the Friday preceding Easter. It will fall on April 19.

**How Is the Date of Easter Determined?**

The Easter date formula dictates that it is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21.

The Orthodox Church sometimes diverges from other Christian denominations when calculating the date of Easter because the Orthodox Church bases its Easter date calculation on the Julian calendar. Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic and Protestant Christian churches base their Easter date formula on the Gregorian calendar (the common calendar used daily).

Some people suggest that setting of the date of Easter is tied to Passover. This is not the case. The dates of Easter and Passover being adjacent is indicative of the fact that Jesus was Jewish. He celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples on the first day of Passover.

**When Is Easter in Future Years?**

These are the dates that Easter will fall on next year and in future years:

Year	Date
2019	Sunday, April 21, 2019
2020	Sunday, April 12, 2020
2021	Sunday, April 4, 2021
2022	Sunday, April 17, 2022
2023	Sunday, April 9, 2023
2024	Sunday, March 31, 2024
2025	Sunday, April 20, 2025
2026	Sunday, April 5, 2026
2027	Sunday, March 28, 2027
2028	Sunday, April 16, 2028
2029	Sunday, April 1, 2029
2030	Sunday, April 21, 2030

**When Was Easter in Previous Years?**

Going back to 2007, these are the dates Easter fell in previous years:

Year	Date
2007	Sunday, April 8, 2007
2008	Sunday, March 23, 2008
2009	Sunday, April 12, 2009
2010	Sunday, April 4, 2010
2011	Sunday, April 24, 2011
2012	Sunday, April 8, 2012
2013	Sunday, March 31, 2013
2014	Sunday, April 20, 2014
2015	Sunday, April 5, 2015
2016	Sunday, March 27, 2016
2017	Sunday, April 16, 2017
2018	Sunday, April 1, 2018

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We were sitting in church and the congregation was singing a worship song which repeated the phrase, "I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee oh Lord" several times. Kyle, who was about 5 years old, looked up and me and said, "Why is everyone singing I AM SALTY?"  
 ~Tammy Bouquet

*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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