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

We are thrilled to share the news that one of our Bouquets, Jake and Taylor, just got married! It's a special moment for us here at Creative Carpet & Flooring, as we are a family business. We even closed our showrooms on March 25th so everyone could attend their special day. We know it will be a beautiful journey for them both, and we wish them all the best in their marriage. Congratulations again to Jake and Taylor!

Moments like these remind us how significant family is and bring us closer together. Family is one of the most cherished aspects of life. It is a source of love, support, and stability that can never be replaced. Families bring us closer, teach us to care for each other, and remind us that we are never alone. They are our safe haven in times of trouble and our biggest cheerleaders when things are going well.

Family is about loving each other unconditionally, working together to solve problems, being there for each other no matter what, and celebrating life's joys together. It's about cherishing the moments spent with family members, appreciating the unique qualities they bring to the table, and supporting them through thick and thin. Family is not just about blood relations. It also includes those who have become part of our lives, like friends, neighbors, or colleagues who provide us with love and companionship.

With all of life's challenges (work stress, helping kids with their schoolwork, dealing with family illnesses, getting dinner ready), remaining grateful for what is most important can be challenging.

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3*

Therefore, whether relationships are strained or functioning well, you can always refer to the Bible for reminders of the importance of keeping strong family bonds and unity.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter filled with family, friends, and faith!

*"With His wounds, we are healed." Isaiah 53:5*



Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant  
Creative Carpet & Flooring



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## April

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### Month at a Glance:

**7th & 8th Good Friday & Easter Saturday** - We will be closed to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with our families.

**9th Easter Sunday** - 1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

**14th Look up at the Sky Day** - The best thing to do before Income Tax day tomorrow!

**22nd Earth Day** - Earth. You live on it. You keep it clean. There ain't no Planet B!

### Employee birthdays this month:

- Clay Bouquet's Birthday - Distribution Center Associate
- Chris Boerema's Birthday - Director of Operations
- Mark Bouquet Sr's Birthday - Founder & President

## The Smell of Rain

You are not alone if you love the smell of rain when it hits dry dirt. The odd mixture of fresh air and damp soil has global appeal. And it also has a name: petrichor. This pleasant, relaxing aroma may have a basis in science, too. Researchers believe that dormant bacteria in the soil release tiny microbes into the air when doused with rainwater. During a springtime shower or summer thunderstorm, the air becomes perfumed with fragrant molecules, causing petrichor. [BBC | June 2022]



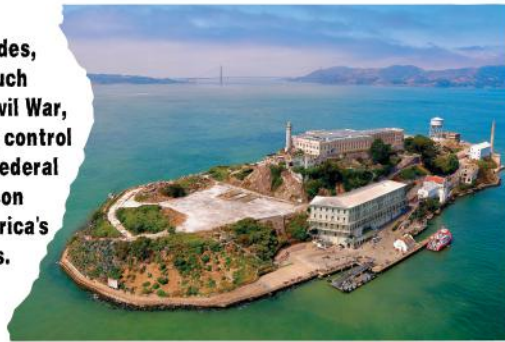
## Library Books Chained to the Shelves



It sounds like something out of a dystopian novel, but it's true: Many books were chained to their shelves during the Middle Ages to prevent theft. Why? Since the printing press had not been invented yet, books were painstakingly copied by hand and very rare, which led to them being considered valuable commodities. A handful of these chained libraries still exist, including a library in the Netherlands that was built in 1561. [Smithsonian Magazine | February 2022]

## "The Island of the Pelicans"

Alcatraz was only a federal prison for a few decades, but its history of human habitation dates back much further. First used to hold prisoners during the Civil War, Alcatraz Island remained under the U.S. military's control until the 1930s, when it was transformed into a federal prison. From 1934 to 1963, Alcatraz was "the prison system's prison," a penitentiary reserved for America's most notorious criminals and problematic inmates. But even the island's role as a military prison doesn't go back as far as its name, which even predates U.S. control of California. In 1775, Spanish explorer Juan Manuel de Ayala (1745-97) mapped Alcatraz Island for the first time. He named it La Isla de los Alcatrazes, Spanish for "The Island of the Pelicans," after the many pelicans he found roosting on the rocky shores. The Anglicized version of that name, "Alcatraz Island," remains today. [History.com | January 2023]



[muppet.fandom.com]

## Kermit the Frog's Debut

Although he's now synonymous with "Sesame Street," the Muppets, and "Rainbow Connection," Kermit the Frog got his start on TV long before he arrived on "Sesame Street." In 1955, puppeteer Jim Henson had a show called "Sam and Friends" that ran for five minutes between the "Huntley/Brinkley Report" and "The Tonight Show" and featured an early iteration of Kermit. Made from an old coat and ping pong balls, Kermit was only one part of a puppet ensemble that featured Harry the Hipster, Icky Gunk, Mushmellon, and Sam, whose specialty was lip-syncing popular songs. But even in this early form, Kermit was the prototype for the internationally iconic frog we know and love today. [Smithsonian Magazine | January 2023]

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This month's Mega Trivia question:

Which part of a chicken can predict the color of eggs it will lay?

- (A) Ankle
- (B) Earlobe
- (C) Eyebrow
- (D) Eyelashes

To enter, visit our website at [creativecarpetinc.com](http://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 15th each month. Good luck!!!

### Last month's question:

What color was originally associated with St. Patrick's Day?

**Answer: (C) Blue**

According to historians, the color we should all be wearing on St. Patrick's Day is actually blue, not green. This light shade of blue, actually known as "St. Patrick's Blue," was the primary color on ancient Irish flags and armbands worn by the Irish Citizen Army. It wasn't until the 1798 Irish Rebellion that the iconic clover became a national symbol, leading to wearing green on lapels overtaking the traditional blue. From there, green spread to official uniforms and eventually reached the point where most people don't even remember that blue was where it all began.

[Time | October 2022]

Congratulations to last month's winner:

**KATE PETERSON**  
of Lemont, IL

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