



GARRY'S FLOORING

Home Advisor™

Reliable news for healthy living, saving money, and having fun! May 2012

Garry Combs

"I promise that You'll love your new floors or I'll replace them FREE!!"

Belvidere's Flooring Guru,
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Attention Ray and Bea Schoreder!

You are this month's Mystery Winner!

We have a \$10.00 gift certificate to Grandma's Restaurant reserved just for you! Come by our store to claim your prize!



Scan to see our
"Smartphone Special
Of the Month!"

Dear Friends,

Last month I lost a great friend Eric Boehler he left us way too soon at 48 years young. He will be missed. It brought home to me to take the time to enjoy every day of Life. Since no one has an expiration date stamped on them you just never know when it's time to say goodbye. Enjoy the time now.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our daughter, Paige, who is graduating from North Boone High School with honors. She is college bound and a little nervous, but looking forward to her independence. Love ya Pooker.

Speaking of graduating maybe it's time to graduate your flooring from that old worn-out dingy flooring to a new designer flooring from Shaw with life time Installation and life time Stain Warranties!!

Oh' by the way ... maybe YOU don't need flooring right now, but you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who's been thinking about getting new floors. Can I count on you to pass this newsletter along to them? You will be doing them a gigantic favor by referring them to a flooring professional they can trust.

Your Friend,

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Holidays this Month

Thursday, May 3rd

National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 13th

Mothers Day

Saturday, May 19th

Armed Forces Day (United States)

Monday, May 21st

Victoria Day (Canada)

Monday, May 28th

Memorial Day (United States)

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Shaw... Beautiful, durable floors for less. Getting The Most From Your Carpet

New carpet represents a substantial investment and, like your other furnishings, requires proper care to keep it attractive over the years to come. Carpet rarely wears out in terms of fiber wearing away, but its appearance deteriorates over time and becomes less attractive. You can protect your investment, prolong the life of your carpet and improve the quality and beauty of the indoor environment by establishing a regular maintenance schedule. Please reference your residential warranty for specific care requirements.

The Carpet Care Program

A carpet care program consists of four elements:

1. Preventive maintenance
2. Regular vacuuming
3. Removal of spots and spills
4. Overall cleaning on regular basis

The two most important things to keeping your carpet looking fresh is vacuuming and having a walk-off mat at all entrances to absorb the soil and moisture

Mega Trivia Contest!

Who Else Wants to Win \$10 Mobil Gas Card! Take our Trivia Challenge and you could win too!

This month's MegaTrivia question....

Which of these professional sports teams is the oldest? A) New York Yankees;
B) Toronto Maple Leafs; C) Green Bay Packers; D) Boston Celtics or
E) Detroit Tigers?

Take your best guess...your chances of winning are better than you think!

Then e-mail your answer to
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or call us with your answer
815-544-4200

Answer to last months quiz: C) Gone With The Wind
Congratulations to last month's winner: Ralph and Ellie Wilson!

About Staying Well The Benefits of Bathing

No, I'm not suggesting you need to wash more often. What I am proposing is that you bathe more often!

There was a time when bathtubs ruled, but now it seems showers have conquered the world (or at least this part of the world). Usually people cite time as a reason for the switch, though some dislike "sitting in dirty water".



Yet sometimes in your busy life you deserve a bathtub break, and some evidence to suggest health benefits. If you suffer from arthritis a bath of Epsom salts may relieve your discomfort. A good soak in the tub can relieve soothe anxiety, stress or muscle strain. Bathing is beneficial for your skin too, since so much of that skin tissue is water.

I seriously doubt that anyone has done scholarly research in this area, but I'm hoping somewhere out there is a doctoral thesis with the title: "Bathtubs vs. Showers: A Paradigm Shift in Twentieth Century North American Culture".

Why Does Reality Matter?

Here's another recent cultural shift: the rise of "reality" programming in television.

The first BIG reality show, Survivor, hit North America in the year 2000. Now airwaves are full of toddlers, housewives, bachelors, arctic road truckers and so forth. But did you ever ask yourself why?

Top Reasons



- 1) More channels require TONS of additional programming
- 2) We love watching other people do strange things
- 2) WAAAY less expensive than hiring writers and actors



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Thank You For The Kind Words!

"We sure love your work. We are sooo pleased. We're always inviting neighbors and friends to come by and see what a wonderful job you did. Special thanks to Mike as he is a perfectionist. He treats your floor like it was being put in his house. Yes, he sure went that extra mile and then some. I love the attention in cleanup also. We loved how Garry explained and showed us the pattern we could have and he was great and goes overboard to please you. What a great company to have do your flooring, they know their stuff and then some!"

-Sincerely,

Don and Betty Chesney

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Client of the Month

Congratulations to our client of the month, **Mike Grismer**. We have been doing Mike's installs for 9 years. It's always a pleasure catching up with Mike. He's an excellent client and we enjoy working with him every time.

As always, our clients of the month receive 2 movie passes for AMC Theaters!

Watch for your name here in a coming month!

Work Tips Spending Time Wisely

What would you say if someone asked you to work for \$2 an hour? Other than volunteering in a worthwhile cause, that is, in which case you might cheerfully work for nothing?

I doubt your response would be enthusiastic, and yet.....You do this to yourself every day.

Einstein established the equivalence of matter and energy, with his famous $E=mc^2$ equation, but there's another equivalence between time and money, which also involves matter and energy!

$$\text{Energy} + \text{Time} = \text{Money}$$

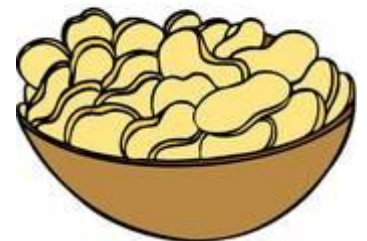
This equation holds true whether you work for yourself or for someone else. The hours of the day are precious in themselves, so spend them wisely.

What I'm getting at here is this: when you're working, work. Don't fool around looking at your social media accounts, or reading the sports headlines, or running to the coffee machine every two minutes (oops!). Multitasking isn't all that great an idea either.

I've found over the years that I'm most productive when I focus intently on one task at a time, preferably in chunks of time that are at least 20 minutes long. If you narrow in on one element of your work, and keep at it intently without interruption, you will accomplish much more. You may find that 20 minutes stretching into 60!

Moneywise Beware the Shrinking Products!

POTATO CHIPS



OK, I admit it: I have a problem. For some people it's chocolate, or booze. For me, crisp and salty is the way to go. But lately, a disturbing trend has come to my attention: the incredible shrinking potato chip bag. First it was my super size bag of chips, shrinking 12% in weight as if by magic. Now they've dropped the weight again, another 10%, same price all along.

Manufacturers have been doing this for a while: seems we consumers "are less resistant" to product downsizing than to price increases.

Translation: we don't notice.



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Moisture Levels in the Home

There are many factors people consider in their environment, but one of the most omnipresent is literally invisible: the air you breathe. Even a simple factor like humidity can have profound effects on your health and on the health of your home.

Here are some of the main consequences of humidity extremes and a few suggested solutions:

Too much moisture:

- Condensation builds up on surfaces, in walls and attic
- In time, condensation can rot out wood and furniture
- Excess moisture is the leading cause of mold growth
- Look for and repair sources of moisture, like leaks or faulty windows
- Use a dehumidifier – make sure to clean it frequently

Too little moisture:

- Indoor air humidity under 30% causes excess static electricity
- Dry air contributes to respiratory problems and dry skin
- Long-term, excess levels of dryness can harm the wood in your walls and furniture
- Use a humidifier – make sure to clean it frequently
- If you live in a dry climate, seal your windows and doors

WARNING!

Don't visit any flooring dealer until you hear this
FREE Consumer Awareness Message!

You will learn...

- 4 predatory sales tactics • 7 costly misconceptions about flooring
- 5 questions to ask a dealer before buying

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New Friends And Clients!

Meet our new clients...

Dylan Dray
Jim Edwards
Belvidere Spine
Randy and Susan Larson
Teresa and Jeff Leach
John and Sandra Sterling
Dr. Cindy Sekowski
John and Lucille Jacob
Chris Bjork
Daniel Kinsey
David Sloan
Fidelity
John and Sharon Christoferson
Muriel Wagner
Wendy Hoopengartner
Bruce and Ann Janssen
Dean Gentz
Don and Betty Chesney
Lee and Carol Watermann
Vernon and Bonnie Brown
Luke Henry

Welcome back to our returning clients...

Al Favia
Joe and Rose Moscato
Harry Papka
Mitch Micek
Ryan Kufalk
Mike Grismer
Patty and Curt Collins
Colleen Tyler
Steve Biggs
Zion Lutheran Church
Stephanie Danca
Eugene and Marry Johnson
Bea and Ray Schroeder
Bob Lines
Shanon Decker

A gigantic THANK YOU to all who referred us last month...

Denise Leonard
Sheldon Clark
Don Carlson

Get A Night Out At The Movies For 2 With My

Referral Rewards Program

As you probably know, advertising is very expensive. Instead of paying the newspaper or other place to advertise, I'd rather reward you. So I've assembled my **Referral Rewards Program**. Every time you refer someone who becomes a client, I will send you a gift certificate for two passes to the AMC Theaters. And Hey! What's a movie without popcorn? The gift certificate will also cover a big box of hot, buttered popcorn and sodas!

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