



We Gave at the Office

Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell is an employee-owned ESOP bank, and the employees own stock in the Bank, and just as Farmers and Merchants is committed to supporting the Bushnell community and area, so are our employees.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell offers many deposit and loan products to provide our customers and community with a wide array of services to meet their financial needs.

The bank offers a full-service trust department, with IRA's, trusts, investment services, and our "F&M@Home" program, designed to help older folks stay in their homes longer.

Full accounting services are offered for small businesses, and tax preparation for farms, businesses and individuals.

The bank supports Bushnell and our local school district by purchasing B-PC bond issues,

sponsoring sports on the radio, penny carnival, 8th grade graduations, senior breakfast, after prom, funding James Spiker scholarships for graduating seniors, and the B-PC Foundation. The bank has been a long time supporter of the FFA alumni and the fat steer show, and donated FFA awards for many years.

The bank has also been involved in the "Adopt-a-class" program, where employees read to the kids, take them toys and treats, and purchase books every month for the elementary school library.



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Friends in Motion

Some anniversaries recently celebrated include: **Kermit** and **Ja-**

net Barrett (60 years), of Blaindinsville, **Tom** and **Debbie**



Downs (32 years), and **Gene** and **Linda McGrew** (53 years), both of Bushnell. Happy anniversary to all!

Recent birthday celebra-



tions include:

Daryl Reid of Marion, IL, **Glen Stroops**

(86), of Macomb, **Ron Rapp** (69), **Peggy Norris** (86), and **Anna Kugler** (75), all of Bushnell. Happy birthday to all!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

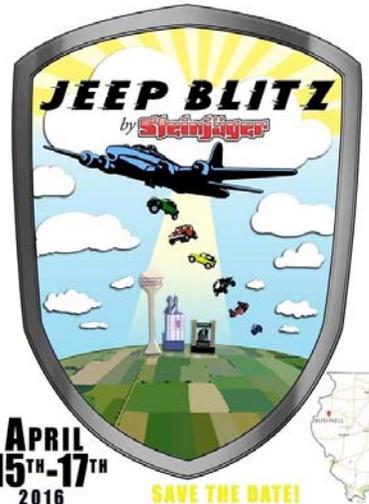
April 2 & May 7 - VFW breakfast, 7 to 10 am

Jun 3 - Free blood pressure, pulse/oxygen, cholesterol and blood sugar checks at F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 to 10 am

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April 15 - 17th

Bushnell, IL





Bushnell
April 28th & 29th



Oven-Baked Delights

OVEN BAKED CHICKEN FAJITAS

Deb Powell

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 large bell pepper, seeded and sliced (I use half green and half red)
- 12 flour tortillas
- Toppings: cheese, sour cream, guacamole, etc. as desired.



Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place chicken strips in a greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the oil, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, dried oregano, and salt. Drizzle the spice mixture over the chicken and stir to coat. Add tomatoes, peppers, and onions to the dish and stir to combine. Bake uncovered for 20-25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are tender. Serve on tortillas with desired toppings.

HAMBURGER PIE

Dan Cortelyou

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- dash pepper

Cook until hamburger is lightly browned.

Add: 1 can drained green beans and 1 can condensed tomato soup. Mix with hamburger mixture and pour into a greased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Prepare 4 servings of instant potatoes, and drop in mounds on top. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.



HAM BALLS

John Frank

- 1 lb. ground ham
- 1-1/2 lb. lean ground pork
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cracker crumbs

Mix ham and pork with eggs and cracker crumbs. Form into 6 meat balls. Bake in a shallow pan or baking dish at 325 degrees for 1 hour, basting every 15 minutes with the following glaze: 3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1-1/2 tsp. dry mustard, and 1/4 cup water. Mix and bring to boil before pouring over meatballs. Serves 6



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Several years ago, the employees started a “Jeans on Friday” program, where employees, for a donation, can wear jeans on Fridays. Donations are collected and presented to local and worthy causes. Some recent donations include: The Bushnell Food Pantry, Illinois Special Olympics Polar Plunge, McDonough County Humane Society, Bushnell Cub Scouts, Bushnell Boy Scouts,



Bushnell Girl Scouts, Bushnell fireworks, Greater Peoria Honor Flight, B-PC Backpack Program, Linda’s Fund, Lion’s Club Toys for Tots, DARE, National Guard Support Group, Farmers and Merchants State Bank School Supply Drive, McDonough County YMCA, Bushnell Fire & Rescue, and the Bushnell Public Library.

This is not meant to toot our own horn, but to let you

know that our employees care about the community and the future of the Bushnell area.

They are very involved in various community activities, clubs, and hold positions on boards and committees, including City Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce, Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation, Bushnell Economic Development Corporation, Youth Basketball and Baseball, Lion’s Club, B-PC Boosters, Churches, Bushnell Citizen’s Coalition, VFW, Shaw Creek Golf Course, and want to see the Bushnell community and area prosper.

Thanks for your work for our community. We are all in this together.

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