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Spring Forever

There are those who write
of springtime,
of flowers, trees and grass,
for me it's something different
with winter now gone past.



It's the smell of new turned earth
on a field behind a plow,
fat robins hopping in my yard,
babies nesting on a bough.

Children hurrying off to school,
t-shirts and no coat,
oblivious to the morning cold,
happy voices in half notes.



Rakes are gathered from the garage
to tend winter's residue,
daffodils stretch their yellow arms
among hostas poking through.

The sun is moving overhead
searching a summer path,
the prairie breathes a last winter sigh
awake from winter's aftermath.

The memory of winter wind and chill
quickly fades away,
as if the warming sun and light
never left, now here to stay.

Spring

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The warm spring rain washes
over me,
and thaws the winter chill,
the ground below me drinks it in,
a summertime refill.



Another season come and gone,
how many have I seen?
Nature's clock never stops,
we stand still in a springtime dream.

Many of us banter over
which season is the best.
I will take the one I'm in,
and wait for all the rest.

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4 Simple Ways to Stop a Cyber Thief

1. Create cOmplic@t#d passwords. Avoid birthdays, pet names and simple passwords like 12345. It is also important to change passwords at least three times a year. Friendly theft - theft by someone you know is the most common type of identity theft. Don't share passwords, even with family or friends.

2. Keep tabs on your accounts. Check account activity and online statements often, instead of waiting for the monthly statement. Sign up for text or email alerts to be notified of transactions over a cer-

tain dollar amount. Report unauthorized transactions to your bank immediately.

3. Stay alert online. Be sure computers and mobile devices are equipped with up-to-date anti-virus and malware protection. Never give out personal financial information in response to unsolicited email, no matter how official it may seem. Your bank will never contact you by email asking for password, PIN or account information.

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Only open links and attachments

Friends in Motion

Anniversaries being celebrated include: **Kermit and Janet Barrett** (61 years) of Blainsville, **Tom and Debbie Downs** (33 years), and **Gene and Linda McGrew** (54 years), both of Bushnell. Happy anniversary to all!

Birth-day celebrations include: **Daryl Reid** of Marion, IL, **Glen Stroops** (87) of Macomb, **Anna Kugler** (76), **Peggy Norris** (87), **Ron Rapp** (70), and **Earl Sheckler** (81), all of Bushnell, Happy birthday to all!



Thief

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from trusted sources. When submitting financial information on a website, look for the padlock or key icon at the top or bottom of your browser, and make sure the internet address begins with "https." This signals that your information is secure during transmission.

4. Protect your mobile device. Use a passcode lock on your phone and other devices to make it more difficult for thieves to access your information. Before you donate, sell or trade your mobile device, be sure to wipe it using specialized software or using the manufacturer's recommended technique. Some software allows you to wipe your device remotely if lost or stolen. Use caution when downloading apps, as they may contain malware, and avoid opening links and attachments - especially from senders you don't know.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Apr. 1 & May 6 - VFW breakfast, 7 to 10 am

Jun. 2 - Free blood pressure, pulse/oxygen, cholesterol and blood sugar checks at F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 to 10 am.

May 11 - 13 - Bushnell Chamber of Commerce May Play Days.

May 19 - 21 - Jeep Blitz.

May 21 - B-PC Graduation

Kid Friendly Favorites

TATER TOT CASSEROLE

Deb Powell

- 1 lb. ground pork breakfast sausage
(or cubed ham or bacon)
- 2-4 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups milk
- 4 eggs
- 2 lbs. frozen tater tots

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread the sausage, bacon or ham evenly in the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan. Spread cheese over meat. I use



4 cups of cheese, but you can use less if you prefer.

In a large bowl, beat together milk and eggs. Pour over cheese. (May be refrigerated overnight at this point.)

Top with frozen tater tots. Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Some ovens may take more or less time. Cool 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

MONKEY BREAD

Jessie Havens

- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 egg
- 4-4 1/2 cups flour
- Sugar & cinnamon, combined

Scald milk. Mix in sugar, salt and butter. Cool to lukewarm. Add 1/4 cup of water and sprinkle in the

yeast until dissolved. Stir in milk and mix. Add egg and 1/2 the flour. Beat until smooth, then add remaining flour. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Roll into balls. Coat with butter, then with sugar and cinnamon.

Stack in an angel food cake pan,



and bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Turn out on a platter to cool. Drizzle with a milk & powdered sugar glaze.

CHUCKWAGON CHILI MAC

Melissa Pearce

- 1 pkg. Kraft Macaroni & Cheese
Dinner
- 1 lb. extra lean ground beef
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 can stewed tomatoes
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1/3 cup reduced fat sour cream
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese.

Prepare Dinner as directed on package. Meanwhile, brown meat

with chili powder and cumin in a large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Add



tomatoes and beans; simmer 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Top with sour cream and cheese.