



PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED AT FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

Several promotional changes have recently taken place at the bank. We are excited to see the growth and development of our officers, and are happy to present them with these new opportunities.

Connie Morrow, Senior Vice President of Operations, has begun directing all non-interest income functions of the bank, which includes the bank's Trust Department. SVP Morrow also serves as Project Manager, IT Coordinator, Information Security officer, and serves on the senior management committee of the bank. An IRS Enrolled Agent, Connie also prepares both individual and business income tax returns for Trust-Mart®. Connie began her career with Farmers and Merchants in 1994, and is a graduate of Western Illinois University and the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin. Connie resides in Macomb.



Prior to her retirement last month, **Shirley Rapp** was promoted to Vice President/Trust Officer. Shirley began her career at the bank in 1980 as a receptionist, then served in the savings area of bookkeeping,



computer operations, and executive secretary. She served as Assistant Trust Officer for over 20 years, and also prepared income tax returns for Trust-Mart®. Shirley graduated from Mid State College of Commerce and later the Graduate Trust School at Cannon Financial Institute. Shirley and husband Ron have one daughter Trisha (Todd) Pardue, and two grandsons, Dawson and Bodie.

Sherry Pico was promoted to Vice President of Operations and Cashier, and will serve on the bank's senior management committee. Sherry began her career at Farmers and Merchants in 2000 in Trust Operations and as an Accounting Assistant, and was later named Assistant Internal Auditor. Sherry was promoted to Internal Auditor in 2005, and Assistant Vice President of Operations in 2009. Sherry attended Western Illinois University and the CBAI Internal



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Friends in Motion

Some anniversaries recently celebrated include: **Bob and Shirley Cortelyou** (65 years), **Paul and Marcia Gossett** (56 years), **Cap & Linda Spangler** (58 years), all of Bushnell, **Gordon and Norma Weber** (74 years) of Macomb, and **Doyle and Eunice Lutz** (34 years) of Good Hope. Happy anniversary to all!



Recent birthday celebrations include: **Beverly Camp** (84), **Virginia Effland** (94), **Roger Everly** (81), **Don King** (84), **Evelyn Rock** (75), all of Bushnell, **Sally Borg** (72) of London Mills, **Eunice Lutz** (67) of Good Hope, **Robert Wheeler** (79) of Macomb, **Marcia Gossett** and **Marjorie Hartwig**, both of Bushnell, and **Wilma Worthington** of Marietta. Happy birthday to all!



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov. 7 & Dec. 5 - VFW
breakfast, 7 to 10 am

Dec. 4 - Free blood pressure, pulse/oxygen, cholesterol and blood sugar checks at F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 to 10 am



Soups For All Seasons

BROWN JUG SOUP

Dan Cortelyou

- 4 cubes chicken bouillon
- 6 cups water
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cups peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1 (10 oz.) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 (10 oz.) package frozen chopped broccoli
- 2 (10.75 oz.) cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 pound processed American cheese, cubed

In a large soup pot, dissolve chicken bouillon cubes in 6 cups of water.



Add all the vegetables, fresh and frozen, to the pot. Simmer for 30 minutes. Stir in cream of chicken soup. Add cheese, and mix until melted. Serve.

CREAMY POTATO SOUP WITH SWISS

Lou Reno

- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 small carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 1/2 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2-1/2 cups milk
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 1 Tbsp. parsley
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

In a large saucepan, bring potatoes, carrot, celery, onion, chicken broth and salt to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until potatoes are just tender. Do not drain; mash slightly. Stir in milk.

In a small bowl, blend butter, flour,

parsley and pepper; stir into potato mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat; add cheese and stir until cheese is almost melted. Let soup stand for 5 minutes. Serve.

CHICKEN CHEESE SOUP

Peggy Weiss

- 4 cups cooked chicken breast
- 3-1/2 cups water
- 2 cans (10.75 oz. each) cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 (16 oz.) package frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 can (14-1/2 oz.) diced potatoes, drained
- 1 (16 oz.) package Velveeta cheese, cubed

In a Dutch oven, combine the first five ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 8-10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in cheese just until melted (do not boil). Yield: 7 servings.

CREAMY SOUTHWESTERN TACO SOUP

Krystal Lillie

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 (10 oz.) cans Ro-tel tomatoes, undrained
- 2 (14.5 oz.) cans beef broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tsp. salt

In a large soup pot, brown the ground beef with the onion and garlic; drain. Add the spices and cook a couple minutes. Drop the cream cheese in bits into the meat. With the back of a big spoon, smash it into the meat until no bits of white remain. Stir in remaining ingredients and heat through.

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Audit Certification Program. Sherry and husband Kyle live in rural Avon, and have two sons, Jackson and Griffen.

Rachel Hyde was promoted to Assistant Vice President and will continue as Assistant Trust Officer in the Trust Department of the Bank. Rachel started at the bank in 2003, and has held several positions, including teller, loan processor, and marketing, before settling in the Trust Department where she has worked as Trust Operations Assistant, Information Technology Officer, and Assistant Trust Officer. Rachel prepares income tax returns for Trust-Mart® as well. Rachel is a WIU graduate with a double minor in management and marketing, and recently graduated from the American Bankers Association Trust School. Rachel and her husband Nathan live in Bushnell and have two children, Ethan and Emma.

Davann Cadwalader was promoted to Assistant Trust Officer of the bank. Davann joined Farmers and Merchants State Bank in 2010



as Trust Operations Assistant. Davann is a 2006 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, with a

degree in Business Management and Administration. Davann is a 2015 graduate of the Illinois Bankers Association's Future Leaders Alliance, and has attended Lobby Days in both Springfield and Washington, DC. Davann is a member of the marketing committee, and has also begun preparing income tax returns for Trust-Mart®.

Carie Miller was promoted to Trust Operations Officer. Carie began her career at Farmers and Merchants in 2009 as a part-time teller and accounting assistant while attending Western Illinois University. Following graduation from WIU with a major in finance and a minor in marketing, Carie was hired full-time

in 2012. Carie has assisted in many functions of the bank, including accounting, internal auditing and operations. Carie is also a member of the marketing committee, provides accounting and payroll services for area businesses, and prepares income tax returns for Trust-Mart®. Carie has also trained to assist the IT department. She and her husband Tyler live in rural Smithfield, where he farms.



Congratulations to all of our newly appointed officers! We look forward to their continued success, and we know our customers will be well-served by the caring and compassion of these individuals.