



**Farmers & Merchants**  
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## Summer On Our Block

It was a hot July 4th morning in the late 1950's on our block in Bushnell. With no air conditioning back then and windows wide open, I awoke to birds singing and Mom yelling "time to get up." We did our chores, made our beds, and cleaned up the yard for the July 4th barbeque. Dad always did a tenderloin on what was then an amazing grilling device, since it had an electric rotisserie. Mom made her famous potato salad and we enjoyed and were thankful for our July 4th meal.

Our block was full of kids, dogs, and trouble. We played full-blown baseball in the yard, and inevitably hit Mr. and Mrs. Chandler's window next door, which incredibly never broke in all those years.

We were playing Frisbee before the Frisbee was ever invented, with a metal dart gun target. We were floating the Frisbee through the air at incredible spinning speeds, and the lethal metal Frisbee hit one of the young neighbor kids just below the nose. After the doctor stitched him up, we all got ice cream from his mom because we were all so traumatized.

We were all excited that July 4th because the chief of police, Charlie Davis, lived on our block and had fireworks for the neighborhood that evening. So, when sunset finally came, and we thought it never would, we all started drifting toward the Da-

vis backyard. Kids, dogs and some inquisitive parents were haphazardly gathered on the south side of our block, when one of the incorrigible teenagers "by accident" dropped a flammable something into the huge box of fireworks.

"War zone" would not be an adequate description of what happened next. Rockets were whizzing horizontally though the neighborhood, big M-80's were exploding, multi-colored cluster bombs and flashes of light were everywhere.



Kids were flat on the ground or hiding wherever they could, parents were yelling, dogs were barking and running, and all in all, we had a great time. Much better than if the fireworks has been set off in an organized and logical order.

The next morning we surveyed the scene of destruction; burnt grass, blackened bushes, but no bodies. We sighed with the memory of that wonderfully chaotic night and wondered what today would bring.

*By Michael G. Steelman*

## Friends in Motion

Some anniversaries recently celebrated include: **Goose and Sue Buchen** (55 years), **Robert and Annaree Ogle** (65 years), all of Bushnell, **Swede and Sally Borg** (53 years), of London Mills, **Charles and Wilma Hess** (62 years), of Marietta, **Thurman and Beverly Kepple** (52 years), of Macomb, and **Bernie and Kay McCance** (51 years), of Smithfield.



Recent birthday celebrations include: **Jim Bartlett** (91), **Mary Lou Bartlett** (86), **Bob Cortelyou** (89), **Shirley Cortelyou** (85), **Ruth Pratt** (82), **Richard Rock** (76), **Duane "Cap" Spangler** (80), **Glen Weiss Sr.** (83), **Debbie Downs**, **Patricia Lafary**, and **Karl Rauschert**, all of Bushnell, **Ethel Loy**, of Roseville, **Jerry Walter** (76), **Madeline Link** (72), of Prairie City, and **Leland Worthington**, of Marietta. Happy birthday to all!



## In Memorium



**KARL A. RAUSCHERT**  
**1929 - 2015**

Karl A. Rauschert served as a devoted director of Farmers and Merchants State Bank from 1982 until 1989, and was a loyal friend for many years.

Karl will be missed.

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Aug. 1** - VFW breakfast, 7 to 10 am

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

# Summer Gone Wild

## SUMMER CORN AND TOMATO PASTA

Carie Miller

Salt  
1 pound bow-tie pasta  
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, smashed  
1 pint cherry tomatoes  
3 ears fresh corn, kernels cut off  
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter  
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, torn into pieces



Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the pasta until al dente; drain. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally until the tomatoes are softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the corn, raise the heat slightly and cook until the corn is heated through and golden, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt.

Add the vegetables, butter and basil to the pasta and toss.

## BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

Stephanie Christensen

1 - 8 oz. package cream cheese, cubed  
1 - 1/2 cups finely chopped cooked chicken  
1/2 cup blue cheese or ranch salad dressing  
1/2 cup buffalo wing sauce  
2 stalks celery, finely chopped  
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded plus more for topping

### Oven Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a sauce pan, heat chicken and hot sauce. Add

cream cheese, stir until blended. Add salad dressing, stir. Add 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, stir until melted.

Pour mixture into a 9x13 inch casserole dish. Cover with shredded cheddar. Bake in oven until bubbly, about 10 minutes.



### Microwave Method:

Mix all ingredients in a microwaveable bowl. Microwave on High for 5 minutes, stirring after 3 minutes. Can also put in slow cooker for a couple of hours on low.

## MARINATED CUCUMBERS, ONIONS, AND TOMATOES

Davann Cadwalader

3 medium cucumbers, peeled and sliced  
1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings  
3 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges  
1/2 cup vinegar  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 cup water  
2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. fresh ground pepper  
1/4 cup oil



Combine ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

## CLEANING SOLUTION

Melissa Pearce

1 gallon distilled water (less 2 cups)  
Add 1 - 16 oz. bottle of rubbing alcohol (I use wintergreen scented)  
2 Tbsp. Prell shampoo

Mix by shaking up. Put in spray bottle. Use on mirrors, windows, cupboards, walls. Anywhere!

## Fraud Alert

We continue to get calls every week from customers fending off scammers, both online and via telephone. One recent one (though not new) was from a caller with a telephone ID of "Kingston JM", who convinced his victim to send money to receive a "prize". We cannot say it often enough: You shouldn't have to



pay money to win money. Legitimate sweepstakes won't make you pay money or buy something to enter or improve your chances of winning. That includes paying "taxes" or "shipping and handling charges" in order to claim a prize.

If you receive a call like this, **HANG UP**, and by all means, do not provide the caller with any personal or account information. If you've already done so, or sent a check to receive some sort of "prize", contact us to stop payment on your check and/or close your account. **YOU** are the most important security feature of your bank account, so please be very careful. These people are very convincing.

For more information, please visit the [Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information blog](#).

## Surviving Summer

Heat Stroke is a serious problem for anyone working or playing in the sun and heat. Cooling breaks are so important in preventing a heat stroke. Also, keeping hydrated is crucial. Water is ok, but Gatorade or PowerAde with electrolytes are far better, as they help replace salt and retain fluid.

Knowing the warning signs is key to eliminating serious problems with heat stroke. The first sign is cramping in the legs. Cool down and drink fluid until it goes away, or it could progress to heat exhaustion and then to heat stroke. Other warning signs include, red, hot, dry skin, rapid pulse, throbbing headache, confusion and dizziness. When you are nearing a heat stroke, light sweating and cramping, give way to more profuse, heavier sweating, feeling lightheaded and maybe a little nauseous. Then you hit heat stroke, and your body stops sweating, and can no longer cool itself. As your body gets hotter and hotter, your blood gets thick and sludgy and makes you more likely to have a stroke. Let your body cool down naturally in early stages of heat exhaustion, but if you miss the signs, and it progresses, put ice packs on the groin, armpits and neck, where blood flows close to the surface. Other ways to cool the body include, immersing the body in cool water, placing the person in the shower, or wrapping them in a cool, wet blanket.

Make sure your day at the beach is just that - and not a trip to the emergency room. Keep cool.