



**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK OF BUSHNELL®**

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Special Loan Rates!

It's that time of year when many farmers are considering their equipment needs for the upcoming harvest. With all the uncertainty surrounding the economy and this year's growing crops, you can be certain that **Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell** will be here to help you with your financing needs. Your locally owned bank has been doing this for nearly 100 years now!

Whether you're looking to add a new piece of equipment to your operation, or if you've already made that purchase with an interest waiver that will be expiring soon, **Farmers and Merchants** is here to help. With our flexible terms, we can tailor your loan to meet your needs. We pride ourselves

on "high-touch, personalized service" and guarantee a quick turnaround on approval and preparation of your loan.

If this isn't enough, from now until the end of September, we will be offering a special interest rate to help make your new purchase even more affordable.

Call **Doug** or **Andrea** today for more details. The **Farmers & Merchants State Bank** loan department hours at the Main Street site are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Cole Street branch from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.



**Bushnell-Prairie City
First Full Day of School**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009



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Friends in Motion

Some of the wedding anniversaries recently celebrated include: **Joe** and **Louise Meloan** (68 years) formerly of Bushnell and now of Highland, Illinois, **Ralph** and **Joan Rhoads** (61 years) of Bushnell, **Harris** and **Pat Lafary** (60 years) of Bushnell, **Dale** and **Nadyne (Tiny) Walters** (59 years) of Bushnell, **Ken** and **Marjorie Wolf** (59 years) of Bushnell, **Mickie** and **Marilyn Logsdon** (57 years) of Bushnell, **Bob** and **Beverly Ver Steeg** (57 years) of Avon, **Lindy** and **Donna Zeigler** (55 years) of Bushnell, **George** and **Carolyn (Dee Dee) Pensinger** (53 years) of Bushnell, **Robert** and **Kay Wheeler** (52 years) of rural Macomb, **Richard** and **Evelyn Rock** (50 years) of Bushnell, and **Bernie** and **Kay McCance** (45 years) of rural Smithfield. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Some birthdays celebrated recently include: **Bruce Bricker** (92) of rural Macomb, **John Long, Sr.** (88) of Avon, **Charles Jackson** (86) of Bushnell, **Carl Teel** (85) of Bushnell, **Clarene Simpson** (83) of Macomb, **Bette Beal** (82) of Adair, **Bob Ver Steeg** (81) of Avon, and **Isabel Ferris** (79) of Bushnell. Happy birthday to each of you!

This month **Connie Morrow** will celebrate her 15th service anniversary with F & M, and **Jessie Havens** will observe her 10th! Congratulations, **Connie**, and thank you for the services you've provided our customers with tax preparation and in operations. Congratulations, **Jessie**, and thank you for serving our customers in the trust department and with tax preparation. F&M genuinely appreciates each of you!

Not a Waste of Time!

Many years ago, instead of talkin' trash, the City of Bushnell chose to participate in curbside recycling. The yellow recycle bins are now a familiar sight!

Some recyclable items are:

- Cans - Any aluminum or tin can that contained food or beverages. Please rinse.
- Plastic - Soda type bottles, milk or water jugs, detergent bottles. Remove caps. **No styrofoam, plastic fruit containers or microwavable plastic dishes.**
- Paper - Loose newspapers, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, brown paper bags. **Do not bundle.**
- Glass - Clear, green or brown *unbroken* glass jars, bottles and jugs that contained food or beverages. **No windows, auto glass or dishes.** Please rinse.
- Cardboard - Corrugated cardboard, flattened boxes, paper egg cartons, cereal and cracker boxes, tissue boxes, detergent boxes. **No soft drink or beer boxes, or wax covered milk and juice cartons.**

For the Fall Clean-Up Days, Sept. 1st and 2nd, place your items in cans or bags when possible, and with furniture, etc. placed at the curb. One appliance per household, please.



Items that will **NOT** be picked up include but are not limited to: Yard waste, wet paint, paint thinner, motor oil, gasoline, propane, insecticides, pesticides, tires, batteries, large auto parts, concrete, and demolition debris.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our own **Shannon** (and **Danny**) **Whitcomb** are proud to announce their son, **Bryce Willems**, recently received his PHD in paleo-climatology from NIU in Dekalb IL. He is in the process of moving to Anchorage, AK where he will teach at the University of Alaska.

Let Us *Re*-Introduce . . . Lou Reno !



Lou Reno started working at Farmers & Merchants State Bank 37 years ago, and has served our customers as a bookkeeper, teller, loan secretary,

and currently as a loan processor and administrative assistant in the loan department.

Lou was born in Colchester to **Joseph** and **Susie Powell** (both deceased), one of ten children. She graduated from Colchester High School and Gem City Business College. Lou and husband, **Phil**, reside outside Bushnell, have been married for 40 years, and have one daughter, **Erin**, of Macomb.

When **Lou** is not working she relaxes by walking, golfing, gardening, or watching movies. She also enjoys volunteering her time to help others.

A few of **Lou's** favorite recipes include:

BROCCOLI SLAW

2 pkg. broccoli slaw ¾ stick butter
1 pkg. Romain noodles (crushed)
¼ c. slivered almonds
¼ c. sunflower seeds
Green onions & tops (chopped)

Dressing:

¾ c. Canola oil ¼ c. cider vinegar
¼ c. brown sugar

Seasoning packet from Romain noodles

Melt butter in sauce pan. Add almonds and noodles. Brown until golden. Remove from heat and cool.

Mix together the oil, vinegar, brown sugar and seasoning packet. Add dressing to noodle mixture.

Add remaining ingredients. Toss gently and serve.

CHERRY COOL WHIP SALAD

14 oz. can Eagle Brand condensed milk
8 oz. Cool Whip
11 oz can mandarin oranges (drained)
8 oz. can crushed pineapple (drained)
2 c. miniature marshmallows
21 oz. can cherry pie filling
½ c. chopped nuts

Mix condensed milk with Cool Whip. Fold in remaining ingredients. Chill and serve.

CHICKEN & NOODLE CASSEROLE

1 can cream of mushroom soup
½ c. milk ¼ tsp. pepper
¼ c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 c. frozen mixed vegetables
2 c. cubed cooked chicken
2 c. egg noodles, cooked and drained
½ c. shredded cheddar cheese

Stir soup, milk, pepper, Parmesan cheese, vegetables, chicken and noodles into 1½ quart casserole dish.



Bake at 400° for 25 to 30 minutes, or until hot. Stir, and top with cheddar cheese. May substitute French fried onions for cheddar cheese topping.



**UPCOMING
COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Fri. Aug. 14, Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 - Red Cross apheresis blood drives, Bushnell Recreation Center. Call 772-9238 for appointment scheduling.

Fri. Sept. 4, Oct. 2 - Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

Tues. Aug. 18 - First full day of school at B-PC

Aug. 26-29 - Bushnell Town and Country Fall Festival

Sept. 1 & 2 - Bushnell Citywide Fall Clean-up Days

Sat. Sept. 12 - Bushnell Park District's 3rd annual "Grills Gone Wild" barbeque cook off

**F&M Bank
Special**

**Home Loan Special
Free Appraisal**

Call 309-772-2171
for details!

Some Restrictions Apply.
Subject to Credit Approval.



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Hello, JULIE?

Whether you have plans to add a deck or patio to your home, install a swimming pool, or maybe do some extensive tree planting or landscaping to add "curb appeal" to your home, you need to call **JULIE** before you come to F&M for a loan. **JULIE** (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) was formed in 1974 with a primary mission of preventing utility damage while providing excavator safety.

Illinois state law requires you to contact **JULIE** before any digging, regardless of your project's size or depth. The call is free and so are the services. Digging responsibly can save lives as well as costly repairs to damaged utility lines, cables, property, etc. Most yards contain some, if not all, buried electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, and TV cables.

It's simple. *Before* you dig, call

JULIE. Call **1-800-892-0123**, or better yet, call **811**. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Within two working days, someone from each utility or service provider will mark the location of their underground facilities with paint and/or flags. You may begin your excavation project any time after the "dig start time" stated on the work order ticket.

Remember, if you are adding a deck, pool, room addition, fence, swing set, mailbox post, planting trees or shrubs, or even just tilling your garden, be safe and call **JULIE**. Then contact **Patricia, Doug** or **Andrea** in the loan department at F&M if you need a loan to complete your project. F&M has competitive rates and wants to serve your financial needs.

