



July 2011

Summer Yard Games

Wondering what to do with your family and kids during those long summer afternoons and evenings? How about a yard game? There are many games that can be played by adults and children to encourage family time, exercise, and just plain old-fashioned summertime fun.

Children's Games.

☼ Tag.

Establish a home base, one child is chosen to be "it" and they must tag the next person to be "it." Great exercise and lots of laughing and fun.

☼ Hide and Seek.

Another classic with one child closing their eyes and counting to some number to give the other kids a chance to hide.

☼ Scavenger Hunt.

Come up with ten items that can be found in the yard, whether they are outdoor items or items that you place in the yard yourself. Kids can work alone or in teams to scavenge the most items on the list.

Games for Families.

☼ Timber walk.

Lay a six foot gardening timber in the middle of the yard and divide up into teams. Each team takes turns trying to cross the timber without falling off. If anyone falls off, they have to start again.



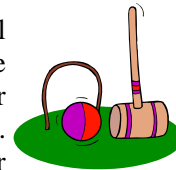
The team that does it in the least amount of time wins.

☼ Water Balloon Toss.

This can be done with milk cartons or with bare hands; have an adult toss water balloons to teams. Whoever catches the most water balloons without breaking wins.

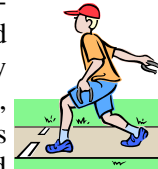
☼ Croquet.

The traditional croquet game in the yard can be fun for young and old alike. Just make sure your yard is trimmed properly and the croquet set is laid out according to the rules.



☼ Horseshoes.

Don't forget the great American tradition of horseshoes. Kids and adults alike enjoy pitching horseshoes, or you can always use washers and small boxes for the young kids.



Whatever game you choose, make sure you use those that are age-appropriate for children, and that you consider safety first in all of your backyard games.

Get the kids off the computers and away from the TV and out in the yard for some great fun this summer!

Friends in Motion

Some wedding anniversaries recently celebrated include:

Bob and **Annaree Ogle** (61 years), **Marshall (Goose)** and **Sue Buchen** (51 years), **Tom** and **Janet Thrasher** (56 years), **Brett** and **Judy Brooks** (42 years), **Charles** and **Wilma Hess** (59 years), all of Bushnell, **Walter (Swede)** and **Sally Borg** (49 years) of London Mills, **Ralph** and **Celia Luper** of Table Grove, **Walter (Bud)** and **Sandra Richey** (56 years) of Marietta, and **Bernard** and **Kay McCance** (47 years) of Smithfield. Congratulations to all!

Recent birthday celebrations include: **Bob Cortelyou** (85), **Shirley Cortelyou** (85), **Lorraine Ridle** (86), **Ennis (Jim) Bartlett** (87), **Mary Lou Bartlett** (82), **Gladys Leonard** (92), **Glen Weiss** (82), **Patricia Lafary** (81), **Debbie Downs** (62), all of Bushnell, **Kay Morrow** (70) of Macomb, and **Mae Muir** (86) of Galesburg. Happy Birthday to each of you!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jul 1 & Aug 5 - Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

Jul 2 & Aug 6 - VFW breakfast, 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

Jul 1 - Bushnell Horse Show

July 3 - Bushnell Fireworks Show

July 4th - Independence Day

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Most Americans know that on July 4, 1776, the then Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration was then sent to the British King and his government. Men on horseback rushed to cities in the colonies with the Declaration of Independence, and the document was read aloud on street corners.

Did you also know that two important men who signed the declaration died 50 years later, on July 4, 1826?



And how many men signed the declaration? There were 56 signers in all.

Also, the new One World Trade Center building being completed in New York, after the tragedy of September 11, 2001, will be 1776 feet tall, which commemorates the Declaration of Independence.

Summer Favorites from Bookkeeping

VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD

Jennifer Hood

2 cups broccoli florets
4 cups cooked spiral pasta
2 medium carrots, julienned
1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
1/2 cup cubed fully cooked ham
1/2 cup cubed cheddar cheese
1/3 cup sliced green onions

Dressing:

3/4 cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp. dill weed
1/4 tsp. pepper

Place 1 inch of water in a small sauce pan; add broccoli, bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 2 - 3 minutes. Rinse in cold water and drain. In a large bowl, combine the broccoli, pasta, carrots, peas, ham, cheese and onions.

In another bowl combine the dressing ingredients. Pour over salad; mix the dressing into salad.

Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour.

BEER BREAD

Debbie Pestle

1 can warm beer
3 cups self-rising flour
3 Tbsp. sugar

Mix all ingredients together; Let rise (rises quickly). Punch down and shape. Put into greased loaf pan. Let rise. Bake 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Butter top when it comes out.



BANANA COOKIES

Carie Jones

1/2 stick of butter, softened
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 tsp. each baking soda and salt
2 large eggs
1 ripe banana, peeled and sliced
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 - 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chunks
1 cup macadamia nuts, coarsely chopped



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat butter, sugar, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl with mixer on medium speed for 3 minutes or until fluffy. Beat in eggs, banana and vanilla until well blended and banana is mashed.

On low speed, gradually beat in flour in 3 additions until just blended. Stir in chocolate and nuts.

Drop rounded measuring table-spoons 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheet (s). Bake 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Remove from rack to cool completely. Yields 40 cookies.

CRANBERRY ORANGE

ICED TEA

Kathy Danner

2 quarts iced tea
1 can frozen cranberry juice concentrate
1 cup orange juice
1/3 cup sugar

In a large pitcher, stir together the cranberry juice and the orange juice. Add iced tea, and mix in sugar until dissolved. Put back in fridge and let chill through and serve over ice. Serves 8-10.

M&B Furniture 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to M&B Furniture on their 50th Anniversary! M&B has been a significant and important part of downtown Bushnell for these 50 years, and continues to be an important retailer for the community.

H. M. "Mickie" Logsdon was an iconic figure in the M&B Furniture Store, a significant supporter of all things Bushnell, a great family man and friend to many of us. Mickie was a member of Farmers and Merchants State Bank Board of Directors for many years, and always gave his best for his family, friends and community. We all miss Mickie since his passing in February.

Notwithstanding the recent fire on the West side of the square, M&B has remodeled, refreshed and is still providing great furniture, appliances, and service to Bushnell and the surrounding area. We wish M&B Furniture a very happy 50th Anniversary, and hope they have many more.

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HALL OF FAME COMING EVENTS

September 5 - 13, 2011 - ITALY

Nine days in beautiful Italy - Explore the magic of Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. While in Rome, visit the famed Colosseum and take optional excursions to the Vatican City, the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. While visiting Florence, tour the Piazza Del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. Board a train to Venice, with 117 tiny islands, 150 canals, and 400 bridges, and take a boat trip to St. Mark's Square. Then go on to Milan to visit the Duomo (Cathedral) and the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, and much more—for \$2,899, including air fare, hotels and 11 meals. Come join the fun.

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