



FARMERS & MERCHANTS  
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## “If I Had A Hammer . . .”

In the far reaches of eastern Afghanistan, an American flag was flown in honor of Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Company of Bushnell, Illinois.

America is not only fighting a war in Afghanistan, America is helping Afghans build their future.

In Mehtar Lam, the capital of Afghanistan’s Laghman Province, American soldiers are helping the Afghan people with agribusiness development and vocational training, and are making an impact.

Lieutenant Colonel Dirk Christian is the Deputy Commander of the Kansas National Guard’s Agribusiness Development Team, which has been stationed at Mehtar Lam since April of 2009. One of the Team’s first projects was the construction of a 30’ by 60’ pole barn on the research and development farm. The local village elder recommended ten Afghans for training as carpenters, and the Kansas National Guard



team helped train the carpenter apprentices.

Thanks to the generosity of Vaughan & Bushnell, each of the carpenters and the village elder received a new set of handtools, which includes Vaughan hammers and flat bars.

In correspondence to Dan Chambers, Operations Manager for Vaughan & Bushnell, Lt. Col. Christian stated, “I can’t thank you enough for your donation—to some they may just be hammers and pry bars—but to the villagers of the Ali Khiel Village in eastern Afghanistan, they are tools to build a future with.”

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## Friends in Motion

Some of the wedding anniversaries celebrated this month include: **Kenny and Judy Maxwell** (47 years), **Lyndall and Norma Jean Pigg** (66 years), **Sherold and Jane Brown** (46 years), all of Bushnell, **Dan and Mary Pendarvis** (43 years) of Prairie City, **Murry and Mary Lou Allen** (53 years) of Macomb, and **Lewis and Bernice Barr** (68 years, and the parents of our own **Shirley Rapp**) of Tonica. Congratulations to all of you!

Birthdays celebrated this month include: **Bernice Huffman** (96), **Laura Maxine Reed** (85), **Margaret Bricker** (90), **H. M. (Mickie) Logsdon** (81), **Leslie Leonard** (96), **Gene Webster** (78), all of Bushnell, **George Kerr** (85) of Cuba, and **Lois Smith** (92) of Good Hope. Happy birthday to each of you!



**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY  
March 17th**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Mar. 5 & April 2**- Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

**Mar. 12 & April 9** - Red Cross Aphaeresis blood drive, Bushnell Recreation Center. Call 309-370-2508 for an appointment.

**Sat. Mar. 5 & Apr. 2** - VFW breakfast, 6:30 am to 10:30 am

**Sat. Mar. 13** - Odd Fellows Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Mar. 14** - Set clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time

**Sat. Mar. 27** - Bushnell Safety Awareness Day, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Apr. 27th & 28th** Bushnell Citywide Spring Clean-up Days

## SEE OUR LOAN DEPARTMENT

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Equipment Loans**

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## Let Us Introduce... Matt Weiss



**Matt Weiss** has worked at the bank for about eight years, and it's a good thing. All that coin that ends up at the bank. **Matt** manages all that and assures that every penny is accounted for. Matt is the son of **Glen** and **Peggy Weiss** of Bushnell. Many of you know Matt's mom, Peggy, who is a customer service representative at the bank.

Matt is attending WIU majoring in Spanish with a minor in music business. Matt is active in music, which includes writing songs, and hosting open mic nights at Café Aroma in Macomb. Matt also teaches music lessons. (If you know someone who needs music lessons tailored to their abilities, you can call Matt at 309-255-3837). Matt also maintains an Amazon biotope aquarium, which includes soil, plants and fish from the Amazon Basin. Matt is very involved in his community, including the Vineyard Community Church, and has worked with the NAACP for Martin Luther King, Jr. days.

Most recently, Matt is working with an independent record label, and is currently in pre-production for his first album. Thanks to Matt for his work and pleasant personality at the bank, and thanks to Matt for his community involvement.

Some of Matt's favorite recipes include:

### **MATT'S FAJITA STYLE CHICKEN QUESADILLAS**

1 pkg. corn tortillas  
1 pkg. John Soules Foods Chicken Breast Strips: Chicken Fajitas (Wal-Mart)  
1 jar Tostitos Monterey Jack Queso Dip  
1 pkg. Marketside Organic Baby Spinach

Sizzle chicken strips over medium high heat. (1-2 oz. per tortilla). Put chicken on a corn tortilla and add 1-2 Tbsp. of Queso dip. Toast in toaster oven for 3 minutes. If cheese is not thoroughly melted, heat a little longer in the microwave. Add desired amount of baby spinach, fold the tortilla and enjoy!

### **MATT'S HOMEMADE SALAD**

1 cup Marketside Organic Spring Mix  
1/2 cup Marketside Organic Baby Spinach  
1 organic gala apple  
3-5 chopped baby carrots  
1-2 chopped baby portabella mushrooms  
2-3 Tbsp. roasted sunflower kernels

Wash lettuce and spinach and put in a salad bowl, add chopped apple, mushrooms, carrots and sunflower kernels, and lightly toss. No salad dressing. Once you've tried it, you'll never want salad dressing again!

## *Spring Clean-Up*

Bushnell Citywide  
Spring Clean-up  
April 27th  
and 28th



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Lt. Col. Christian asked that Mr. Chambers share with the employees of Vaughan & Bushnell, that they have done their part to make one village in a remote part of Afghanistan stronger.

The same group of carpenters are going to use their Vaughan & Bushnell tools to build another pole barn at the Afghan Women’s Center, and hopefully at the local schools.

Lt. Col. Christian attended WIU, and was active as a student firefighter and a member of the McDonough County Dive Rescue Team. The Colonel’s parents still live in the Adkisson and Anawan areas in Illinois, and

he plans to visit his parents early in 2010, when he returns from his deployment in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Christian intends to visit Bushnell, to thank Vaughan & Bushnell for their contribution to the redevelopment of Afghanistan.

Thanks to Lt. Col. Christian and his team for their work in helping the Afghan people.

Thanks to Vaughan & Bushnell Manufacturing Co. for their thoughtful and generous gift to the people of Afghanistan.

From that generosity, Afghan carpenters are using Vaughan hammers to help build their children’s future.

