



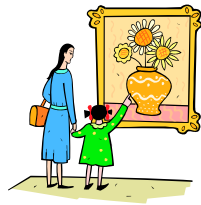
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK OF BUSHNELL®**

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May 2011

Phyllis Martin Art Display

Farmers and Merchants State Bank is proud to announce that, for the entire month of June, paintings by **Phyllis Martin** will be on display at the main bank at 484 East Main in Bushnell, and also in the lobby of the drive-in bank branch



at 429 Cole Street. Phyllis Martin is an award-winning artist who has been painting for over 40 years. Phyllis works in

watercolors and other mediums, and enjoys painting scenes from nature as well as many other settings.

Please make plans to stop by the bank to view a wonderful collection of paintings by one of Bushnell's noteworthy artists.

Some paintings on display will also be available for sale. The bank is proud to sponsor Phyllis Martin's artwork, and welcomes everyone to join us and view the showing.



Spring into a Home Loan

With the coming of Spring, many people are thinking about buying a home or improving their existing home.



The timing is good if you are considering a home loan or a home improvement loan. Interest rates remain at very low levels, and Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell has money to lend to borrowers for home purchases and home improvement.

Home prices are generally on the low side, and contractors are available for home improvement projects. With the start of better weather, it is a great time to shop for a home or start that home improvement project.



See **Doug, Pat, or Don**, or call us at 309-772-2171. Our loan professionals can help you through the application process and all the way through the closing of your loan.

Friends in Motion

Some wedding anniversaries recently celebrated include:

John and Louise Shanklin (60 years), **Delbert (Tommy) and Karen Thompson** (47 years), **Jack and Klorris Promisson** (63 years), all of Bushnell. Congratulations to all!

Recent birthday celebrations include: **Dave Cortelyou** (57), **Barbara Knott** (77), **Mardine Hanley** (79), **Lyndall Pigg** (86), and **Donald Thompson** (79), all of Bushnell, **Harry McFetridge** (86), **Cleone Ohler** (88), both of Prairie City, **Dr. Carlos Lara** (89) of Griggsville, **Doris Cheek** (90) of Macomb, and **Nellie Morse** (95) of London Mills. Happy birthday to you!

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 Emmanuele II Gallery, and much more—for \$2,899, including air fare, hotels and 11 meals. Come join the fun. Give Carolyn a call if you have questions.

For reservations and information, contact **Carolyn Carr** at **309-772-2171** or ccarr@bushnellbank.com

Are you ready to take that Dream Vacation?

For that vacation you have always dreamed of, May is the month to start your vacation club account. You can deposit whatever amount you choose to your account each week, and a year from now, you'll have the money for the vacation of your dreams. Just stop by Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell, and our operations professionals will help you open your account so you can start saving for that dream vacation.



CONGRATULATIONS

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 6 & Jun 3 - Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

May 13 & Jun 10 - Red Cross Apheresis blood drive, Bushnell Recreation Center. Call 309-370-2508 for an appointment.

May 7 & Jun 4 - VFW breakfast, 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

We Can Help You With Your Loan Or Help You With Dinner!

SOUTHWEST EGGROLLS

Lindsey Jones

- 4 cups shredded cheese
- 3 Tbsp. cumin powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- chili powder
- minced garlic
- 2 to 3 Tbsp. minced onion or green onion
- 3 handfuls baby spinach leaves, chopped
- 2 to 3 lbs. skinless, boneless chicken breast
- 1 to 2 can green chilies
- 1/3 cup corn
- 2/3 cup black beans
- 1 to 2 packages of eggroll wrappers



Mix cheese, cumin powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper in a bowl and set aside. Put spinach and onion in a bowl and set aside.

Fry chicken breasts in a skillet with olive oil and sprinkle with salt, pepper, chili powder, and minced garlic. Chop chicken.

In a large bowl, combine chicken and green chilies. Add corn and black beans to chicken mixture.

Mix in spinach and onions, and then fold in cheese mixture. Combine well.

Follow instructions on eggroll wrapper, filling each with about 2 to 3 Tbsp. of filling. Deep fry until golden brown. Left over filling may be frozen. Extra eggrolls may be frozen and reheated in the oven.

BAKED CORN DIP

Deb Powell

- 1 pkg. frozen yellow corn
- 1 pkg. frozen white corn
- 19 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 jar jalapenos
- garlic salt to taste

Mix together and bake at 350° for 40 to 50 minutes. Use corn chips for dipping.

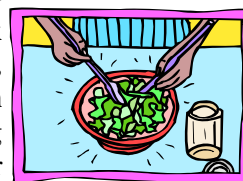


CRUNCHY COLESLAW MIX

Lou Reno

- 2 pkgs. chicken flavored Ramen Noodles
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1 bag shredded coleslaw mix
- 6 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil

Crush noodles in package. Save seasoning packets. Mix noodles, slaw, onions and sunflower seeds in a large bowl. In separate bowl, mix sugar, vinegar, oil and both seasoning packets. Pour over slaw mixture and chill at least one hour or overnight.





FARM SAFETY


The spring farming season brings farm equipment and fast moving vehicles together, and with that comes increased chances of collisions.


It is important for all drivers to remember that now that spring is here in the Midwest, it's planting time, and there will be many more slow-moving farm vehicles on local roads. There are many things you can do to help avoid collisions.


For drivers, these include:

 **Slow down!** When you see a farm vehicle or a slow-moving vehicle sign, immediately slow down to avoid problems.


 **Watch for signals,** including hand signals. Remember, many farm vehicles use flashing caution lights, and those are not turn signals.


 **Pass very carefully,** and only when you have plenty of visibility.


 **Pay attention to the terrain,** because farm vehicles can be just over the next hill, and you will need time to slow down.


 **Remind other people that it is farm season** and they need to watch their driving very carefully.

For farmers, safety tips include:

 **Use slow-moving vehicle signs.**

 **Avoid heavy traffic times and busy highways** when possible.

 **Use proper lighting after dark.** Ride as far to the right as you can do safely.

 **Always use signals** when turning.

Remember, safety comes first, and all of us can help each other in ensuring that we have a safe spring planting season.

