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CORTELYOU COMPLETES MAEDCO PRESIDENCY

Dan Cortelyou, President of Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Bushnell recently completed two terms as President of the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation. Dan previously served on the board and was elected President in February of 2008. Maedco, the Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation, strives to bring economic development to the entire McDonough County area. Kim Pierce, also a Bushnell resident, serves as the Executive Director of Maedco, and worked closely with Dan during his term as President of the economic development group. Maedco successes, including the opening of the Pella windows plant, new hotels, restaurants, and other businesses, reflect the hard work that Dan, Kim and all



the members of the Maedco board have dedicated to the group. The City of Bushnell is also a Maedco member, and Mayor Steve Russell serves on the board of Maedco.

Dan Cortelyou stated that a more regional approach to economic development was certainly one of the goals of Maedco that is coming to fruition. Cities and governments working together for a region can accomplish much more.

Friends in Motion

Some of the wedding anniversaries celebrated this month include: **Ken** and **Beth Vancil** (54 years), **Gene** and **Linda McGrew** (47 years), **Gene** and **Joann Hickenbottom** (57 years), **Glen** and **Pat Stroops** (55 years), **James Robert (Barney)** and **Marilyn Martin** (57 years), and **Don** and **Barb Wilson** (39 years), all of Bushnell, and **Jack** and **Phyllis Sublett** (57 years), of St. Augustine, **Richard** and **Evelyn Wolf, Sr.** (56 years) of Abingdon, and **Kermit** and **Janet Barrett** (54 years) of Colchester. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Birthdays celebrated this month include: **Ivan Morey** (88), and **Daisy Swartzbaugh** (86), both of Bushnell, and **Ruby Dimmitt** (96) of Avon. Happy Birthday to each of you!



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It's Not Too Late . . .

If you're looking for a home this spring, remember that the federal government has extended the tax credit on home purchases until April 30, 2010. If a binding sales contract is signed by April 30, 2010, the credit may still apply as long as the sale occurs by June 30, 2010.

First time buyers are eligible for up to an \$8,000 credit, and existing homeowners who purchase another home may be eligible for up to a \$6,500 credit.

There are income limitations and other terms and conditions of the act that may apply. You should contact your attorney, accountant or tax preparer to determine if the extension of the home tax credit may help you in your home purchase.

Stop by Trust-Mart for help with your tax credit, and see the Farmers and Merchants State Bank loan professionals to help with your home loan.

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

Let Us Introduce . . . Carie Jones!!!



One of Farmers and Merchants' newest employees, **Carie Jones**, works part-time as a customer service

representative in the operations department of the bank.

Carie is the daughter of **Gene** and **Kandi Jones**, and resides in Marietta. Carie has two sisters, **Megan** and **Kelly**. Carie graduated from Cuba High School and has received her Associate of Arts and Sciences degree from Spoon River College, and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in business at Western Illinois University.

Carie loves spending time with her family and friends, reading, playing with her new nephew, and helping her boyfriend on his farm. Most importantly, Carie is a St. Louis Cardinals fan, and likes to attend Cardinal games in St. Louis. Please join us in welcoming Carie to the bank. Here are some of Carie's favorite recipes.

APPLE CELERY SALAD

3 lbs. red apples
3 medium golden apples
Celery
1 large container of Cool Whip
4-5 tbsp. mayo
4 tbsp. lemon concentrate

Slice apples in bite size pieces, add finely chopped celery to taste. In a separate bowl, mix Cool Whip, Mayo and lemon concentrate. Sweeten with sugar to taste and add to apples and celery. Mix and blend well.



*Fun and yummy add-ins: Colored miniature marshmallows and/or chopped nuts.

DEER SALAD

2 lbs. cooked deer roast 1 large onion
2 lbs. cooked beef roast 1 stalk celery
1 large jar mayo 1 jar pickle relish

Grind deer, beef, onion, and celery in a food processor or meat grinder. Mix in pickle relish and mayo. Serve on bread or crackers.

SMOKY BACON WRAPS

1 lb. bacon
1 cup brown sugar
16 oz. miniature smoked sausage links

Cut each bacon strip in half. Wrap a piece of bacon around each sausage. Place in foil lined 15x10 baking pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake uncovered at 400° for 30-40 minutes, or until bacon is crisp and sausage is heated through.

**UPCOMING
COMMUNITY EVENTS**

April 2 & May 7 - Free cholesterol screening and blood pressure check, F&M Main Bank Lobby, 9 am to 10 am

April 9 & May 14 - Red Cross Aphaeresis blood drive, Bushnell Recreation Center. Call 309-370-2508 for an appointment.

Apr. 3 & May 1 - VFW breakfast, 6:30 am to 10:30 am

Apr. 27th & 28th Bushnell City-wide Spring Clean-up Days

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**Home Loans
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Farm Operating
Equipment Loans**

Call 309-772-2171

for details!



**Some Restrictions Apply.
Subject to Credit Approval.**

THE VERVE OF VINEGAR

Did you know that white distilled vinegar is a great product for cleaning around your house and avoiding harsh chemicals?

White distilled vinegar is environmentally friendly and economical.

You can clean your chrome sink fixtures that have a lime buildup by using a paste of two tablespoons of salt and one tablespoon of white distilled vinegar.

You can clean your countertops and make them smell sweet again by using undiluted white distilled vinegar.

Cleaning and deodorizing a drain is another use for vinegar. Pour in one cup of baking soda and one cup of hot white distilled vinegar. Let the mixture sit for five minutes and then let hot water run in the drain.

You can also clean the shelves and walls of your refrigerator with a

half and half solution of water and white distilled vinegar.

Cleaning grout is also very easy with vinegar. Use full strength white distilled vinegar on the grout, and let it sit for a few minutes, then scrub it with an old toothbrush.

You can also clean your grill by spraying white distilled vinegar over a wad of aluminum foil and scrubbing the grill with the foil.

You can clean your microwave by mixing a half cup white distilled vinegar and a half cup of water in a microwave safe bowl. Boil the mixture inside the microwave, and the baked on food is easily loosened and odors disappear. Just wipe the microwave clean.

Remember, NEVER use white distilled vinegar on marble or stone, as the acid can damage the surface.