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Is It Time For Your Extreme Home Makeover?

If you've seen "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" you know the show features professional contractors and volunteers completely remodeling or building a house for a deserving family in only one week.

Although having your home remodeled in only a week is not very likely to happen, this is a great time to start planning your home remodeling project for spring and summer.

We are fortunate to have excellent contractors, carpenters, plumbers, and tradesmen of every kind available locally to help with your home improvement. If you are going to work with a local contractor, it's best to get with them early to plan your project. Most of the local contractors are very busy and must schedule your project well in advance.

You may be planning on doing all or a portion of your project on your own, and again planning is important. You may consider visiting the internet for tips on planning and completing your home improvement project.

There are thousands of excellent websites that offer help with planning, materials, "how to" guides, and just about anything to help with your project.

Sites range from bobvila.com, a well-known television home remodeler, to kitchens.com, which helps with design planning and resources for your kitchen projects.

Don't forget all of our local merchants who are always willing to help and answer questions regarding your home improvement projects.

Most importantly, stop by Farmers and Merchants State Bank and visit with any of our loan officers about your home remodeling project. Our professional loan officers can help with your financing questions, and speed you on the way to getting your home improvement projects done in 2010. Interest rates are very low right now, so this may be the year for you to finish that home improvement project you've always dreamed about.

Friends in Motion

Some of the wedding anniversaries celebrated this month include: **Bill and Lois Maloney** (58 years) of Avon, **Bud and Deb Hobbs** (47 years) of Good Hope, **Larry and Judy McLouth** (47 years) of Bushnell, **Gordon and Dorothy Melvin** (34 years) of Roseville, **Bruce and Harriet Bricker** (70 years) of rural Macomb, **Eugene and Norma Raymond** (64 years) of Bushnell, and **Charles and Luella Jackson** (64 years) of Bushnell. Congratulations all of you!

Some birthdays celebrated this month include: **Ordelta Baker** (95), **Ken Wolf** (85), **Ivan Wertzler** (81), **Elizabeth Arter** (95), and **Mildred Hobbs** (96) all of Bushnell, **Louise Meloan** (90) of Highland, Illinois, **Gordon Melvin** (85) of Roseville, **Floyd Ridle** (84) of Marietta, and **Eileen Knapp** (88) of Avon. Happy birthday to each of you!

Quote of the Month

“If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn’t thinking.”

General George S. Patton

CUPID CALLING

On February 14th of each year you may give your loved one a Valentines Day card, flowers, or a box of chocolates. You may remember the days in school of making Valentines and decorating cardboard boxes to receive Valentines from your classmates.

Although there are varying versions of the origin of Valentines Day, it’s likely that it originated with the martyrdom of early Christian priests, whom were named Valentine.

According to the Greeting Card Association, it is estimated that about one billion Valentines are sent each year worldwide. The association also estimates that in the United States, men spend twice as much money as women on Valentines Day. Today, of course, with the internet, Valentines have been digitalized, and nothing says “I love you” more than an e-mail.

So don’t forget that card or flowers for your sweetheart, and Happy Valentines Day.



Let Us Introduce. . . Jessica Priesner!



Farmers and Merchants welcomes **Jessica Priesner**, who started working full time as a teller in 2009.

Jessica is the daughter of **Steve** and **Wendy Priesner** of Bushnell. **Jessica** has two younger sisters, and a Yorkie puppy that keeps **Jessica** busy.

Jessica graduated from Bushnell-Prairie City High School with the class of 2009, and has future plans to attend college to pursue her Associates or Applied Sciences degree. You have probably seen **Jessica** working previously at Glash Drug Store and at the City of Bushnell Municipal Utility office. **Jessica** loves to shop, and spend time with friends and family. When she has the time, **Jessica** likes to camp, fish, and go bike riding.

Some of **Jessica's** favorite recipes are:

GRANDMA DIANNE'S B B-Q

2 lbs. hamburger	1 onion
1 can comed beef	14 oz. ketchup
1/2 c. brown sugar	3 tsp. vinegar
1 tsp. chili powder	

Brown hamburger and onion together and drain. Combine with rest of ingredients and cook on low in a crock pot or on top of the stove.

CHILI CHEESE DIP

2 - 8 oz. cream cheese
2 cans of chili
8 oz. Mozzarella cheese
8 oz.. Cheddar cheese

Press cream cheese in bottom of pan. Pour chili and sprinkle cheeses on top. Bake at 350 ° for 15 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips.

F&M Anniversaries

Congratulations to **Sherry Pico**, who celebrates her 10th anniversary with



Farmers and Merchants State Bank in February. **Sherry** has done many jobs at the bank, including internal audit, and **Sherry** was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President of Operations. Congratulations and thanks to **Sherry** for her 10 years of service.

In December, 2009, **Kathy Danner** celebrated her 10th Anniversary. **Kathy** is a Customer Service Representative, and helps keep the paperwork flowing and customers happy in the Operations department. Thanks for your hard work and dedication, **Kathy**.



WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

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**UPCOMING
COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

Feb. 10 - B-PC-A After Prom meeting for all parents of juniors or seniors , 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 12 & Mar. 12 - Red Cross Aphaeresis blood drive, Bushnell Recreation Center. Call 772-9238 for an appointment.

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

Sat. Mar. 27 - Bushnell Safety Awareness Day, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Farm Operating
Equipment Loans**

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for details!



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2010 Census

The U.S. Constitution requires that every 10 years every resident in the United States be counted. The census determines how much communities receive in funding and determines the number of Representatives in Congress per state. The census forms are due in March of 2010, and you should receive a census form in the mail. You need to answer the ten short questions and mail them back in the postage-paid envelope. If you don't fill out your form and send it back, you will likely receive a visit from a census taker in order to assure you are

counted. The census bureau estimated that the nation's population in 2009 was 307 million. In 1999, the population was about 273 million, and at the turn of the last century (1900), the population was about 76 million. So stand up and be counted. It all adds up!

