



Upcoming Events

CALENDAR



MAY

- 1** May Day
- 5** Cinco de Mayo
- 12** Mother's Day
- 15** First Class Club Day
Join us for coffee and treats 9–11 AM in New Prague. Bring your documents to shred all day.
- 18** Armed Forces Day
- 27** Memorial Day
• Bank location closed

JUNE

- 14** Flag Day
- 16** Father's Day
- 19** Juneteenth
• Bank location closed
- 20** First Day of Summer

5 "C'S" OF DEBIT CARDS

1. Convenience: Most retailers, venues, and other providers accept debit cards, making them an effortless way to complete purchases.

2. Contactless: Contactless cards make it easy to "tap and go" when checking out at a retailer.

3. Chip Card Security: The microchip embedded in every card helps encrypt and protect your data from thieves by making it nearly impossible to counterfeit.

4. Cash: If you need quick cash, use your debit card at an ATM, 24/7.

5. Credit Card Fees: Unlike credit cards, debit cards come with no annual fees and no late-fee payment charges, and funds come directly out of your checking account.

Interested in more information about our debit cards? Stop in and talk with one of our team members!

With winter behind us, here are a few of the 2023–24 weird winter weather facts (say that fast three times!):

- It was the nation's warmest winter, dating back to 1895.
- The Great Lakes ice covers were at near record lows.
- There were tornadoes in the Midwest and two unusual wildfires.

On behalf of all of us at First Bank & Trust, I hope that slow and steady April showers will provide us with bountiful May flowers!

May this summer bring you:

Strength to heal the past wounds.
Excitement to dance in the rain.
Courage to love someone deeply.
Urge to be your better version.
Curiosity to explore the world.
Belief that better days are ahead!

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MAKE YOUR OWN BIRDSEED

STEP ONE: What do you want to attract?
Different species are attracted to different foods. Here are a few examples:

Fruit: Orioles, Tanagers, Mockingbirds, Bluebirds, Thrashers, Cardinals, Woodpeckers, Jays, Starlings, Thrushes, Cedar, Waxwings, Yellow-breasted Chats

Peanuts: Cardinals, Chickadees, Grackles, House Finches, Titmice, House Sparrows, Starlings, Mourning Doves, White-Throated Sparrows, Jays, Juncos

Corn: Starlings, House Sparrows, Grackles, Jays, Juncos, Bobwhite, Quail, Doves, Ring-Necked Pheasants, White-Throated Sparrows

Millet: Doves, House Sparrows, Blackbirds, Juncos, Cowbirds, Towhees, White-Throated Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, White-Crowned Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows

Sunflower Seeds: Goldfinches, Chickadees, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches,

Titmice, Redpolls, Pine Siskins, Cardinals, Jays, Crossbills, Purple Finches, White-Throated Sparrow, House Finches, White-Crowned Sparrows

STEP TWO: Pick a few ingredients from the following list.

I usually like to go with whatever is on sale in bulk at the store or online. All of these are safe and healthy for wild birds: Dried fruit, Peanuts, Almonds, Pecans, Walnuts, Cracked Corn, White Millet, Sunflower seeds, and Oats.

Don't forget to choose raw, organic whole foods for your blend. Backyard birds do not want your leftover BBQ-flavored peanuts! You can opt to chop some of the seeds and nuts, but you don't have to.

STEP THREE: Mix and serve.
Mix your ingredients in a large bowl, and then spoon into your feeder. I like to make a big batch every month or so and store the surplus in a jar for refills.