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Message from Mike

Happy New Year! As you may have read in Dave's message in last month's newsletter, 2019 marks the year I begin my new position as President at Farmers Bank.



I am eager to begin work as President. The changes in leadership represent an opportunity for our talented and diverse leaders in our company to build on Farmers Bank core strengths, which include an outstanding staff, great customers, and many opportunities for continued growth.

As a native of Spencer, I have been in the banking industry for 27 years, of which 24 have been at Farmers Bank.

As the new year begins, we look forward to some new and exciting changes at Farmers! In my new role I will oversee the banking operations, while assuming more of the day-to-day management and administrative duties of the overall bank. My focus will turn toward continued customer relations and satisfaction, overseeing the impact and development of new products and services for our customers.

We are, and will always remain your local hometown bank. If you ever need to contact me, I am a simple phone call away or stop by anytime...I am happy to help! Thank you for always supporting us...as we believe **People First and Service Always.**

Thank you!

Note: You will be noticing a change in your Deluxe checks that you order. The quantity is the same, however the packaging has an updated design and there will only be 2 pads (50 checks per pad) of checks per order. Adventure Club members receive 1 free box of wallet style checks per calendar year, any additional orders will be at a discounted rate.

Calendar at a Glance

January Events

1	Happy New Year! /Farmers Bank Closed
3	Customer Appreciation Day/Sign-Ups begin for New Trips!
30	Jackpot Junction Casino

Dates and events subject to change based on availability and participation. Please visit farmerstrust.com and click on Adventure Club Events in the Upcoming Events area.

Adventure Club Calendar

February 2019

- Fri. 1st Customer Appreciation Day
- Thurs. 14th Celebrate Our Past
- Mon. 18th Presidents' Day

March 2019

- Fri. 1st Customer Appreciation Day
- Sun. 10th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Sun. 24th-Tues. April 2nd American Queen Riverboat
- Sun. 31st Righteous Brothers Show

April 2019

- Mon. 1st-Sun. 7th Magnolia Trail & More Trip
- Wed. 3rd Customer Appreciation Day

Coming Soon!

- June Minnesota Twins
- October New England and Cape Cod Fall Foliage Trip



Spencer Nails
 Arts on Grand
 Anytime Fitness - Spencer
 American Classic Café

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Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 1

We hope 2019 finds everyone happy, healthy, and ready for adventure with the Adventure Club!

Farmers Bank will be closed in observance of the New Year. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

Customer Appreciation Day/Sign-Up for New Trips Begins

Thursday, January 3

Coffee and cookies are on the table so stop on by. It's also the day you can begin signing up for anything marked NEW in this newsletter.

Florida Adventure

Saturday, January 26 - Sunday, February 3

We have a few members and guests taking advantage of this warm-weather getaway. Payments are made, bags are packed; next is waiting for the plane to sweep them south to the sunshine state. Have a great time and take lots of pictures to share with us!

Jackpot Junction Casino & Hotel

Wednesday, January 30

We need you on the coach for a day of gaming and fun! What better way to beat those winter blahs than spending the day with friends and having fun. **We depart at 8:00 am from the Wal-Mart parking lot and return at approximately 5:30 pm. Cost is \$20 for Adventure Club members and \$25 for non-members.** Upon arrival at the casino, everyone will receive \$10 free play on their player's club card. You can also swipe your card at a kiosk for additional discounts.

New! Celebrate Our Past

Thursday, February 14

You are invited to join us at this **come-and-go event** at the **Clay County Heritage Center (7 Grand Avenue) from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm** for cherry pie a la mode and coffee. (We will have something for those on special diets, just let us know when you make your reservation.) This is an amazing facility that Spencer is lucky to have. There will be 3 exhibits going on at this time –

1. **Great Spencer Fire of 1931,**
2. **History of the Settlement of Clay County,**

3. **Boys in Blue: The Grand Army of the Republic.** With President Lincoln and President Washington's birthday in February and President Washington chopping down a cherry tree, we thought this event would fit appropriately now.

Deadline for sign-ups is February 8!

American Queen River Cruise

Sunday, March 24 - Tuesday, April 2

It won't be long until we're cruising down the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis on the American Queen riverboat. This will be an adventure of a lifetime! At this time, the boat is full, but if you're interested, please let us know and we'll get you a complete itinerary and put your name on the waiting list. There have been some cancellations in the past, so you never know!

The Righteous Brothers

Sunday, March 31

"You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling", "Rock and Roll Heaven", "The Time of My Life", "Soul and Inspiration", "Unchained Melody", and the list goes on. Just reading the titles has you humming and remembering these songs from yesteryear. We've planned a trip to the **Orpheum Theatre in Sioux City** to see Bill Medley and Bucky Herd in person to relive these wonderful songs. An included evening meal at **Clyde's Pub and Grille** will be enjoyed before going to the Orpheum Theatre. **Cost is \$108 per person and is due in full at time of sign up. Cost includes: motor coach, evening meal, show ticket, drivers tip, and Farmers Bank escort. Deadline date is March 11.** We depart from Spencer's Wal-Mart parking lot at 2:45 PM and return at approximately 12:45 AM.

New! The Magnolia Trail and More

Monday, April 1 - Sunday, April 7

Central Bank has invited Farmers Bank to share in this motor coach trip and we are thrilled to offer it to you! It will be a fun-filled tour to **Waco, Texas**, to see the sites featured on the **HGTV Show "Fixer Upper" with Chip and Joanna Gaines!** In addition, you will be making stops at other very interesting places.

On day one the motor coach will have a full day of travel to **Emporia, Kansas**, where a surprise dinner is planned for you.

Day two finds us making a stop in **Pawhuska, Oklahoma.** Located in rural Oklahoma, this is home of **Pioneer Woman,**

Ree Drummond. There is free time here at the **PW Mercantile**, along with a delicious three-course, home-cooked lunch. With full tummies, we continue to the outskirts of **Fort Worth, Texas**, for the night.

The next two full days are planned to enjoy Waco. Springtime should be comfortable weather and hopefully, we'll see lots of native wildflowers, including the Texas Bluebonnets. **Magnolia Market and the Silos**, here we come! Browse at the market, visit the bakery, check out the garden, and shop the **Magnolia Seed Company.** The possibilities here are endless.

Day five finds us saying goodbye to Waco and starting our return trip. Your evening lodging is at the **Best Western Plus in Bentonville, Arkansas.**

That's only a sample of what this exciting trip offers. If you are interested and would like more information, please give us a call or stop by for a complete itinerary.

Cost for this 7-day motor coach tour is \$1,289 per person based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$100 per person is due at time of sign-up with your completed reservation form. Final payment is due on or before February 20.

New! Ballard's Walleye Fishing Trip

Sunday, May 19 – Thursday, May 23

The dates have been set. Now all we need is for you to fill up the boats. **Cost is \$745 per person with a deposit of \$200 per person due at time of sign up. We need to have your reservation and deposit by January 31.** The balance is not due until arrival at the resort. **Cost includes: round-trip motor coach transportation, four nights lodging at Ballard's Resort, three days guided walleye fishing, twelve meals, rods, reels, bait, tackle, ice fish processing and all taxes.** The only items not included are tipping and a Minnesota fishing license.

Dave Woodcock, our President/CEO, will accompany travelers for this annual (and his last) trip to the Lake of the Woods. John Beneke, Asst. Vice President of Commercial Banking, will be along this year to learn the "ropes". John is an avid outdoorsman and nice guy. I guarantee he will have a "fish story" or two. As Dave says, "Fish Ooonnnnnnnnnnnnnn!"

New England and Cape Cod Autumn Foliage

Sunday, October 6 – Sunday, October 13

This is a Northwest Iowa Bank Club trip, so space is limited, and seats are full at this time. The plan is to see and enjoy the beautiful fall colors of the Northeast, but Mother Nature holds the key!

The flight will take you directly from **Minneapolis to Boston, MA.** After being transferred to the hotel, a welcome dinner is planned for this evening. A tour of Boston's historic **Freedom Trail, Plymouth Rock, a drive by of the building of where "Cheers" was filmed, and "Public Garden" – just imagine Paul Revere riding through here to warn them that "The British are Coming"!**

The next day a ferry ride to **Martha's Vineyard**, play-ground for the rich and famous, and some free time. The **Red Jacket Blue Water Resort** is our home for 2 nights, which is very close to the beach. Stops and states included are: **Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts.**

Cost is \$2,999 per person based on double occupancy with a \$200 deposit due at time of registration. (Travel insurance is \$150, which is optional, but we strongly encourage everyone to purchase it!) Final payment is due by August 5.

Just from Julie

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and have put the Adventure Club on your New Year's resolution list. Deb and I are always working on new and exciting trips and events for you.

