

Heritage Club News



December 2012

From Debbie's Desk

The Farmers Bank calendars are in so stop and pick one up. Also, if you're getting ready to head south for the winter, make sure we have your winter address.

Where has the year gone? It seems like just a couple of months ago we were planning for 2012. Julie and I are busy getting an exciting 2013 calendar planned just for you. **Be watching for a Mystery trip in the January newsletter.**

Are your children and friends asking what you would like for Christmas? Why not mention to them a gift certificate to the Farmers Bank Heritage Club. We'd be more than happy to help them.

Upcoming Events

Customer Appreciation Day/ Reservations Begin Monday, December 3

The coffee pot is always on and there will be plates of cookies for you to enjoy from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. What a good time to sit and relax a bit or visit with your friends. This is also the day that you may start signing up for the trips marked **NEW** in this newsletter.

Christmas on the Ranch Wednesday, December 5

The motor coach departs at 7:30 am from the north end of Wal-Mart parking lot to head north to the Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth, Minnesota. After enjoying a noon meal, we'll enjoy "Christmas on the Ranch". We will be making a supper stop (on your own) enroute back to Spencer, arriving at approximately 8:00 pm.

Steamboat Cruise from Memphis to New Orleans Travel Show Tuesday, December 11

Make your reservations to attend this travel show on December 11th to learn more about this unique tour November 7 thru the 17th. Deb took a group on the American Queen in September from St. Paul to St. Louis and everyone was asking "when are you planning the next trip", so what better way to experience an entirely different view of the south! We will fly into Memphis, enjoy a tour of Graceland and then board the Queen and cruise down the Mississippi to New Orleans, making stops along the way. Shore excursions at each port are included in the cost of the trip. **A deposit of \$600.00 holds your cabin and final payment is due by July 15, 2013. Cost of the trip**

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2013 January Events

1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
2	Reservations Begin
3	Customer Appreciation Day

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depends on the cabin category that you choose. The travel show, presented by Islands in the Sun, begins at 10:00 am in the Farmers Bank basement.

Holiday Open House Friday, December 14

Please join us for some holiday cheer at the Farmers Bank anytime from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. We will have delicious treats to share. It will also be a good time to pick up your 2013 calendar if you have not done so.

NEW! Grand Falls/Sherwin Linton Wednesday, December 19

Travel with your Heritage Club friends to the Grand Falls Casino in Larchwood, Iowa. **Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members.** Upon arrival, you will receive \$10.00 free slot play and \$5.00 towards food. If December is your birthday month, you will also receive an extra \$10.00 slot play. **As an added bonus, you will also receive a free ticket to enjoy the Sherwin Linton Holiday Show.** Sherwin is still singing the songs of Elvis, Marty Robbins, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and Johnny Cash. He has an awesome Christmas performance that we won't want to miss. These are reserved seats for the 3:00 show, lasting until 5:00 pm. **We will depart from the north end of the Wal-Mart parking lot at 9:30 am and arrive back in Spencer at approximately 8:00 pm.** We will not be stopping for supper; you are welcome to bring snacks on the motor coach. **Payment in full is due at time of sign up.**

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24

The Farmers Bank lobby and drive-up will be closing at 12:05 pm today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS Tuesday, December 25

On behalf of Debbie, Julie, and the entire Farmers Bank staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31

The Farmers Bank lobby and drive-up will be closing at 4:35 pm today. If you have any transactions that need to be recorded in 2012, they must be to the bank by 2:00 pm.

Coming in 2013 **HAPPY NEW YEAR** Tuesday, January 1

The Farmers Bank will be closed this day with regular hours resuming on Wednesday, January 2. Hope you made that New Year's resolution to attend or participate in the Heritage Club events we have planned just for you.

Hawaiian Island Cruise/Tour February 6 – February 17

Only a couple of more months before the group is headed to sandy beaches and the warmer climate of Hawaii. For those of you traveling with the Northwest Iowa Bank Club on this cruise and tour with Deb, you will be receiving more information regarding our pre-departure meeting as the time gets a little closer.

NEW! The Dwight Murdy Show Wednesday, April 17

Direct from the very heart of the Central Missouri-Arkansas hills, Dwight and his group bring to you southern and country music tunes. And boy do they have fun! Lunch will be at Bev's on the River before heading to the show. You will have a choice of sandwich, soup or fruit, dessert and drink. Then it's off to enjoy some good foot-stompin' music. **We will depart Spencer at 9:45 am and return at approximately 6:15 pm. Cost is \$75.00 per person with a deposit of \$20.00 due at time of sign up.** We will be contacting you a couple of weeks prior to the show to find out your choice of lunch. **Deadline for final payment is Wednesday, April 3.**

Ireland May 2 – May 11

"A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!" For those of you traveling with the Northwest Iowa Bank Club, this is exactly how you'll feel once you reach the "Emerald Isle". One of the days will go something like this: you will pass over the Cork/Kerry Mountains through the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery and Ballyourney to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom Castle. This was once the home of Sir William Penn, whose son later founded the state of Pennsylvania. Traveling on to the village of Blarney, via the Lee River, you will enjoy morning coffee with a local Irish family on their dairy farm. Next climb the steps of Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone and be blessed with the "gift of gab". There will be some free time for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. The last stop of the day is at the Old Midleton

Distillery, makers of one of the finest Irish Whiskeys – Jameson Whiskey. **Cost of this magnificent journey is \$3,499.00 per person based on double occupancy with the final payment due by March 1.** This adventure is currently full, but we always like interested individuals to put their name on a waiting list in case of cancellations. Passport is required.

Ballard's Walleye Fishing May 19 – May 23

We have the dates set; price is determined, now all we need is **YOU!** **The cost of this all-inclusive fishing trip to Ballard's Resort in northern Minnesota is \$650.00 per person based on 6 people lodging and fishing together. The only things not included is your Minnesota fishing license (\$25.00) if you don't have one and tipping to the resort staff. A deposit of \$200.00 per person is required at the time of making your reservation. Balance is due at Ballard's on May 19. Registration deadline is March 30th.** Get your name on the list and be thinking of your fishing stories to tell. Every year we have a sold-out group. (Great idea for your children to purchase a gift certificate for Christmas or better yet, make it a family affair and bring the kids along with you!)

Indiana Amish and More Tour Sept. 16 – Sept. 21

This Northwest Iowa Bank Club trip is traveling to the Amana colonies, Indiana, and Michigan for many wonderful sights to share and to learn a little history along the way. **Price for this tour is \$1,189.00 per person based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is due at the time of making your reservations. Final payment is due by July 24.** Give us a call or stop by for a complete itinerary.

Route 66 to Albuquerque Oct. 1 – Oct. 8

Why not "get your kicks on Route 66" with the Northwest Iowa Bank Club as we travel the Mother Road! The original highway, Route 66, was established on November 11, 1926. This road became one of the most famous roads in America, which originally ran from Chicago, IL, and ending in Log Angeles, CA, covering a total of 2,448 miles. While the highway has undergone many improvements and realignments over its lifetime, it is now called the Historic Route 66. Join the group as we reminisce and travel through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. While in New Mexico, you will have the opportunity

to enjoy the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. We do not have all the final details ironed out, but it's never too early to get your name on the list to travel with us.

NEW! Steamboat Cruise from Memphis to New Orleans Travel Show

Nov. 7 – 17

You will want to experience southern culture at its best aboard the beautiful American Queen paddlewheel steamboats. We will fly into Memphis and enjoy a tour before boarding the Queen and cruising down the Mississippi with stops along the way. You will view southern plantations homes, bayous, woodlands, antebellum mansions and Civil War sites! Each port will include a shore excursion tour and your evenings will be spent enjoying the nightly music of swing, big band or Dixieland jazz. Informative lectures, craft lessons, daily activities and bridge tours. Our ports will include Helena, AR; Vicksburg, MS; Natchez, MS; St. Francisville, LA; Baton Rouge, LA; and Houmas House, LA before arriving in New Orleans for an overnight stay and tour. We will fly from New Orleans back into Omaha and board the motor coach for home after 11 days of relaxation and rich history. This is a small boat and holds about 400 people so the cabin availability fills quickly. This is a trip you won't want to wait to sign up for or you'll be too late. Make your reservations to attend our travel show on December 11th to learn more about this unique tour. Hope to see you there.

Just from Julie

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you! Hope you made that New Year's resolution to partake in Heritage Club trips and events we have planned for you. We would like to wish Happy Birthday to all of our members celebrating in December. Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating an anniversary.

Have you signed up to have your federal benefits automatically deposited to your account? If not, they will send you a Mastercard Direct Express card that you must use. The deadline for switching is March 1, 2013, but sometimes can take a little longer, so don't delay. Stop by and we will help you with this transaction.



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Heritage Club Calendar at a Glance!

January 2013

Tues. 1 st	Happy New Year
Wed. 2 nd	Reservations Begin
Thurs. 3 rd	Customer Appreciation Day

February 2013

Fri 1 st	Customer Appreciation Day
Wed, 6 th - Sun. 17 th	Hawaiian Island Cruise
Thurs. 14 th	Happy Valentine's Day

March 2013

Fri. 1 st -	Customer Appreciation Day
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April 2013

Wed. 3 rd	Customer Appreciation Day
Wed. 17 th	Dwight Murdy Show
Wed. 24 th	Anniversary Party

May 2012

Thurs. 2 nd - Sat. 11 th	Ireland
Sun. 19 th - Thurs. 23 rd	Ballard's Walleye Fishing

Coming Soon!

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