



"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour."

- John Boswell

Announcing two new Bank locations in Fort Madison

By Thanksgiving weekend in November 2011, Pilot Grove Savings Bank had acquired two new bank locations in Fort Madison, Iowa. The two former State Central Bank sites, the main bank at 619 9th Street and the motor bank at 4520 Avenue L, became the ninth and tenth locations in the Pilot Grove Savings Bank family.

"We are proud to have a presence in the Fort Madison community and are excited to bring the Pilot Grove Savings Bank philosophies and services to our current customers there as well as our new friends and neighbors," said Marketing Director Carol A. Remick.

The two new Fort Madison sites offer the same high-quality products and services as our other locations. You may conduct your regular banking business at these new locations and use your debit card at any of our new area ATMs. We look forward to serving you soon!

A Club for Special People like You

Welcome new Ft. Madison area Members!

The Pilot Grove Savings Bank Heritage Club is for very special people like you. It's for our more experienced bank customers – individuals who have reached or surpassed the age of 55. And because you've earned that distinction, you're entitled to receive all the fun and benefits the Heritage Club has to offer. So, whether you're a new member or one of our charter members, you can never be reminded too often of the benefits the Club offers.

- ⊕ Free Regular Checking Accounts
- ⊕ Free Personalized Checks
- ⊕ Copying Service (6 free per day)
- ⊕ Notary Service
- ⊕ Club Newsletter
- ⊕ Free Stop Payments
- ⊕ Safe Deposit Box Discount
- ⊕ Free Cashier's Checks
- ⊕ Free Monthly Club Activity Days

You also receive opportunities to travel, attend Club activities and more! If you have questions, call Heritage Club Director Sue Winnike at 319-837-6121. Invite your friends to register for the Heritage Club at any of our convenient branch locations. All that is needed to qualify for membership is an active Pilot Grove Savings Bank deposit account. It's that easy.

Beginning in January 2012, when you sign up for a trip early and pay the \$25.00 deposit we will recognize your efforts and enter your name in a special drawing held at the end of 2012. The lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to be used towards a trip of their choice in 2013.

"Let's Go Hawks!"

*University of Iowa Hawkeyes vs.
Northwestern
Men's Basketball*



Saturday, March 3, 2012
Iowa City, Iowa

~ AND ~

*Riverside Casino and Golf Resort
Riverside, Iowa
\$70.00 per person*

~ Tickets still Available ~

We've teamed up the food and fun at Riverside Casino and Golf Resort with the excitement of Iowa Hawkeye Basketball for a Slam-Dunk good time!

Watching the Hawkeye's last home game of the season in Carver-Hawkeye arena will surely be an exciting, memorable afternoon. Named for the late Roy Carver, a long-time supporter of the University of Iowa, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, is among one of the largest university-owned facilities in the nation.

Our day will begin with a stop at Riverside for Brunch and plenty of time to try your luck in the casino area. At approximately 12:30 p.m. we will gather our winnings and travel to Iowa City for the 1:30 p.m. tip-off between Iowa and Northwestern.

The cost of this trip is only \$70 per person and includes transportation, brunch at Riverside, bank escort, and game ticket. Call Sue in West Point at 319-837-6121 for reservations.

Early sign up and deposit due by January 31, 2012.



2012 SNEAK PEAK PREVIEW!

Here's a "Sneak Peak" into two upcoming Heritage Club Classic Day Trips to the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, Illinois. Keep in mind both of these Heritage Club trips will include an added attraction, whether it is a stop at a museum, tour of a business or factory, visit to a specialty shop, or other place of interest in the area. By including an additional attraction to each of our Circa '21 itineraries, we hope to provide awareness and value while gaining a fun learning experience along the way. Specific attractions, and prices, for these trips will be announced in future newsletters.

- *"Legally Blonde"* is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Sorority star Elle Woods doesn't take "no" for an answer. So when her boyfriend dumps her for someone "serious", Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law!! Along the way, Elle proves that being true to herself never goes out of style!
- *Smokey Joe's Café* is slated for Wednesday, October 24, 2012. The timeless songs of the golden age of rock 'n' roll come alive in this electrifying production! You will laugh, shout and sing along to over 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded. Revisit the neighborhoods of the 1950's, 60's and 70's, as this show features such songs as: *"Hound Dog," "Love Potion #9," "Kansas City," "Stand By Me," "Jailhouse Rock"* and more!

Reservations accepted now for these three trips by calling Sue in West Point at 319-837-6121.

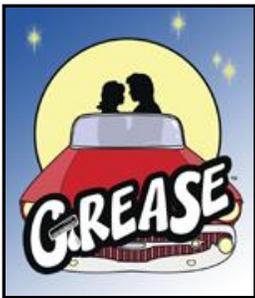


Heritage Club Classic Day Trip
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
The Quad Cities - \$84.00 per person

Following a short holiday break, the Heritage Club is ready to travel!

Our February Classic Day Trip will begin with a visit to the German American Heritage Center in Davenport where the exhibit "The White Rose" will be featured. The exhibit explores one of Germany's most famous civilian resistance groups, formed by a small group of university students in Munich during 1941-42. The leaders were brother and sister Hans and Sophie Scholl and friends. Using only their ingenuity and youthful fearlessness, they outwitted the Nazis to issue several leaflets that urged their fellow students and citizens of Munich to resist Nazi tyranny. These leaflets were the first to print accusations that the Nazis were systematically exterminating Jews and other minorities. Nearly all of the original White Rose students and their professor Kurt Huber were captured after a furious Gestapo manhunt, given a sham trial, and then brutally executed. After the war the Scholl's sister, Inge, worked diligently to tell the story of the sacrifice made by the group. This record of civil and personal courage is one of the brightest spots during a very dark time; you will be heartened and astonished to learn how it unfolded.

Over the past 15 years, the German American Heritage Center building was saved from demolition, restored, renovated, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and has become Davenport's newest museum.



Following our visit to the German American Heritage Center, we will travel to the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse where we will enjoy lunch and the 1950's rock 'n' roll musical, GREASE. Rydell High's spirited class of '59 captures the look and sound of the 1950's in a rollicking musical. GREASE is one of the longest running shows in Broadway history! It is a lively and funny musical which includes such favorites as "Summer Lovin'", "Beauty School Dropout", "Greased Lightning", and "We Go Together" - all of the '50's favorites that made this musical a Broadway and film blockbuster!

*Make plans now to enjoy this Classic Day Trip by calling Sue in West Point at 319-837-6121 today!
You are welcome to invite a friend or family member to be your guest on this, or any, Heritage Club trip.*

Tax Time Approaching

During January, we will be busy preparing important year-end Bank information for each of our customers. Depending on the type of accounts you have with us, you should receive savings statements, your final 2011 checking account statement, and your 1098 and 1099 statements showing all interest paid or received. If you do not receive account information from us by the middle of February, please call the Bookkeeping Department at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Main Office at 319-469-3951 or 1-888-283-2265.

Special Note: Former State Central Bank customers should also receive separate year-end account information from State Central Bank. For questions regarding prior State Central Bank accounts, call the State Central Bank Main Office in Keokuk at 319-524-1021.

**Retirement is not a sunset;
It is the dawn of your time ...**



**So, grab your
Newsletter, pick up
the phone, and make
a reservation today.**



Notes from Sue



The excitement of Christmas is over, and our house is once again quiet. The presents have been opened, the cookies and chocolates have disappeared, and the decorations are tucked away until next year.

January can be a time to stay inside where it's warm; a time to rest, catch up on a little reading, and watch your favorite sports games or TV shows. By February you should be ready to get out and meet your Heritage Club friends at Activity Day and also join us on the Club's first trip of the year to Circa' 21 to see GREASE.

The food and entertainment at Circa' 21 is always exceptional. As a group we are always eager to see and learn new things so a brief stop at a museum, factory, or even a candy store is usually on the agenda. Our first visit this year will be to the German Heritage Center where you may step into the footprints of an early German immigrant and learn about their personal experiences. Then coming this summer, we will visit the historic Pine Creek Grist Mill, thought to be the oldest working Grist Mill on its original site between the Mississippi and the Rockies. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and "Friends of the Mill" have worked together to return the Pine Creek Grist Mill back to a living, working mill where we can see and learn how the mill operated years ago.

The past six weeks or more have been quite busy with the acquisition of the State Central Bank offices in Ft. Madison. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Heritage Club members, and invite you to join us at our Activities. If you have any questions, whether it is bank services or Club events, please give me a call - I would enjoy meeting you and assisting in any way I can.

We have a whole New Year ahead of us. The calendar for 2012 is coming together nicely; I hope you will think of adding the Heritage Club activities to your list. Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a safe and healthy 2012.

Sue



Mall of America

with

DIANA
a celebration



April 26-27, 2012

Price per person: \$254 (based on double occupancy)

- Music Man Square in Mason City
- Victorian-style Decker House
- Mall of America - Free time to explore
- Diana: A Celebration Exhibit
- Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort
- Burlington Trailways 40 passenger Deluxe Motorcoach with leather seats and ample leg room.

Mason City's rich musical heritage inspired Meredith Willson to muse his hometown as the setting for one of America's favorite musicals, *The Music Man*. Meredith Willson's Iowa home town of Mason City, with its pool hall, footbridge, and annual Band Festival, is unmistakable as the inspiration for the show's fictional "River City." All the spirit and flair of this classic Americana is captured in "The Music Man Square!"

During our visit to Music Man Square, we will be served lunch at the Victorian-style Decker House. Our meal will include chicken salad croissant with wild rice soup. The restored 1894 Decker House was once occupied by one of Mason City's signature families and is currently a popular bed and breakfast spot.

By early evening we will arrive at the Mall of America in Minneapolis and have the rare opportunity to view "*Diana: A Celebration*." This exhibition, consisting of more than 150 artifacts tied to Princess Diana, is on loan from Althorp Estate, the 500-year-old ancestral England home of the family of the former Diana Spencer. The exhibit contains objects ranging from Princess Diana's royal wedding gown and 28 designer dresses to family heirlooms, personal mementos, paintings, home movies and photos. Two tiaras worn by Princess Diana are also part of the exhibit.

Overnight accommodations will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort. A full hot breakfast buffet will be available before we return to the Mall of America for plenty of time exploring the amenities there. For more information on this Heritage Club trip, or to make reservations, call Sue in West Point at 319-837-6121 today!

Pilot Grove Savings Bank



Heritage Club

Calendar of Events*



~ January 2012 ~

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Day

All Pilot Grove Savings Bank Locations will be OPEN.

Tuesday, January 17 – NO Activity Day

~ February 2012 ~

Tuesday, February 2 – Ground Hog Day

Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 15 – Classic Day Trip

German American Heritage Center & GREASE

Monday, February 20 – President's Day

All Pilot Grove Savings Bank locations will be
CLOSED for the holiday.

Tuesday, February 21 – Activity Day

~ March 2012 ~

Saturday, March 3 – Classic Day Trip

Iowa Hawkeyes vs Northwestern at Iowa City

Tuesday, March 20 – Activity Day

**All events subject to change.*

February Activity Day

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Donnellson, Iowa

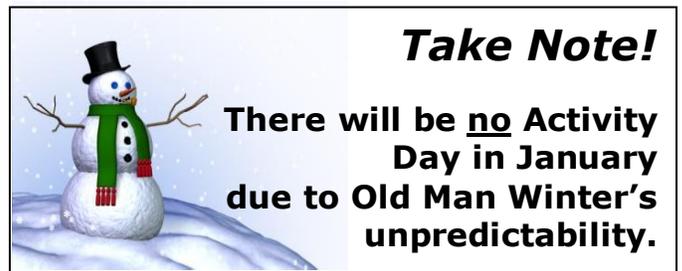
Pilot Grove Savings Bank

Community Room



Chase away the winter blues by gathering with your Heritage Club friends for some Bingo and Cards at this February Activity Day.

Fill-the-card winners can take home \$10, special game winners \$5 for a win, and regular game winners can pocket \$3 for each Bingo. Card players can win \$10 for first place and \$5 for second place in both men's and women's high game categories. *At the conclusion of the activities, lunch will be served.*



Travel Deposit Reminder

As we enter a new year, we wish to remind you that all travel reservations must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit (or payment in full). For your convenience, a Pilot Grove Savings Bank checking or savings account can be debited with your instruction for payment. This deposit will hold your place on the trip and ensure our deposit requirements and contract obligations can be met on time. By requiring a deposit, we have a firm passenger count and can proceed with final trip preparations. We wish to reassure you that if a trip is cancelled, your deposit will be fully refunded. Call Sue in West Point at 319-837-6121 with any questions.

Announcing the Heritage Club 2012 Trip of the Year!



September 20, 2012 – September 29, 2012

- **Historic downtown Vancouver Hotel**
- **Capilano Suspension Bridge**
- **Grouse Mountain Skyride**
- **Free time to explore Vancouver**
- **VIA Rail "The Canadian" from Vancouver to Jasper**
- **Fairmont Hotels in most cities**
- **City tours in Vancouver, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary**
- **Columbia Ice fields Ice Explorer**
- **Banff Gondola**
- **Heritage Park**
- **Calgary Tower**
- **Farewell Dinner at Calgary Tower**
- **16 Meals Included - 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners**
- **Luxury Motor Coach Transportation**

Day 1 – Travel from Iowa to Chicago. Stops will be made on the way to stretch your legs, as needed, and have dinner before arriving at the hotel in Chicago. Here we will spend the evening before boarding the early morning flight to Vancouver, Canada.

Day 2 – Following breakfast this morning, we will make our way to O'Hare airport for the flight to Vancouver. Upon arrival at the Vancouver airport, we will be met by our driver and coach to take us on a short city tour. We will visit Stanley Park, with 1000 acres of majestic evergreens and 10km of scenic seawall. We'll also experience the city's kaleidoscope of cultural heritage with visits to British-flavoured Gastown with its unique steam clock, Canada Place, English Bay and the meticulously manicured Queen Elizabeth Park. After arriving downtown at the Wedgewood Hotel, there will be time to freshen up before dinner. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 3 – The day is free for exploring the beautiful west coast city of Vancouver and all it has to offer. Browse charming boutiques, visit galleries showcasing local talent, visit Victoria Island, Butchart Gardens, or take a stroll along Robson Street. Lunch and dinner will be on your own today. (Breakfast)

Day 4 — Following breakfast this morning, our day starts at the famous historic Capilano Suspension Bridge, one of the world's longest suspension bridges - 450 feet across and 230 feet above the Capilano Canyon! While enjoying your visit, time may be allowed to explore the surrounding Nature Park, which offers meandering trails through an old-growth forest. Continue your excursion onboard the famous Grouse Mountain Skyride, and get ready to experience a one-mile journey like no other. High above towering Douglas fir, breathtaking views of the city of Vancouver, sparkling Pacific Ocean, Gulf Islands, and snowy peaks unfold as you journey up the mountainside. North America's largest aerial tramway is your gateway to the majestic nature of the Peak of Vancouver, an experience in itself. We will stop for dinner (on your own) before our driver takes us to the Vancouver Train Station to board 'The Canadian' which will take us on an overnight journey to Jasper. (Breakfast)

Day 5 – Breakfast and lunch will be served on board The Canadian today as we spend the day passing through the beautiful, majestic Rockies on our way to the province of Alberta. Highlights will include Mount Robson, at 3,954 metres (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Pyramid Falls, and a climb over Yellowhead Pass in Jasper National Park as we continue our scenic ride to Jasper. Upon arrival at the Jasper Train Station in the late afternoon, we will be met by our driver and coach for the transfer to the beautiful Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. There will be time to freshen up before dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 6 - After breakfast this morning, we will travel southward along the Icefield Parkway, one of the most spectacular highways in North America. The Icefield Parkway is highlighted by occasional wildlife sightings, towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes and cascading waterfalls. Our travels include a stop at Athabasca Falls before arriving at the Columbia Icefield. An experience of a lifetime awaits you at the Columbia Icefield! Upon arrival at the Icefield Centre, we will shuttle to the Athabasca Glacier where we will board a unique, specially designed Ice Explorer for a guided tour onto the surface of the Glacier - a true Ice Age adventure! After visiting what is considered to be one of the largest bodies of ice below the Arctic Circle, we will continue south to view Peyto Lake, Bow Lake, and Crowfoot Glacier as we approach our destination of Banff. Dinner this evening will be at The Fairmont Banff Springs. This beautiful hotel will be our home for the next three nights. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 7 – Following breakfast this morning, we will board our motor coach for a full day touring of Lake Louise, including lunch at the magnificent Chateau Lake Louise. Today's sightseeing will include some of the most famous features in the Canadian Rockies. First stop off at a photographer's dream, Moraine Lake, located in the dramatic Valley of the Ten Peaks. From Moraine Lake, our tour continues on to Lake Louise, often known as the "Jewel of the Canadian Rockies." With The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise proudly standing at one end and the Victoria Glacier reflecting off the other, Lake Louise is one of the sights most often preserved in photograph by visitors from all over the world. This evening, we will enjoy a delicious dinner at the historic Lake Louise Station, the original Train Station that was built in 1909. We will overnight at The Fairmont Banff Springs. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 8 – We will meet our driver following breakfast this morning for a half day tour of Banff. We will discover why the Banff National Park is renowned around the world as a protected paradise with 6641 square km of mountains, forests, and lakes to explore, set in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. The Park attracts roughly 4 million visitors each year. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today's sightseeing in Banff will highlight many local delights including Bow Falls, the Hoodoo Lookout, Lake Minnewanka and Surprise Corner. Also included in our Banff sightseeing tour is a ride up the Banff Gondola for a panoramic 360° view of the six surrounding mountain ranges. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Our evening will be spent at The Fairmont Banff Springs. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 9 – Following breakfast, we will travel to Calgary, referred to as the Heart of the New West. Calgary is a vibrant city that offers the best of all worlds - a cosmopolitan city of nearly one million with outstanding outdoor adventure and pristine wilderness only an hour away in the Canadian Rockies. Nearly 5 million visitors each year find a wealth of cultural attractions, diverse restaurants and award-winning cuisine, parks and pathways, specialty shops and trendy night spots in Calgary. We will spend today being introduced to some of the historic and modern highlights of this dynamic and friendly city. Our tour will include a visit to the famous Heritage Park Historical Village. We will discover "How the West was Once" at Canada's largest living history museum. Of course, a visit to Calgary would not be complete without visiting the Calgary Tower, offering the best views of Calgary and its surroundings. Tonight, we will have our Farewell Dinner overlooking the city of Calgary from the Sky 360 Restaurant at Calgary Tower. What a magnificent way to remember our trip! Our last evening in Canada will be spent at the Calgary Marriott Hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 10 - Following breakfast, it will be time to bid Canada farewell as we board the motor coach for our drive to the airport. We will arrive in Chicago early afternoon. (Breakfast)

\$5979 per Person Double Occupancy

\$6979 per Person Single Occupancy

Insurance Available

\$390 per person/double ~ \$438 per person/single

Watch the next newsletter for more information. Or, to make your reservation early and receive a travel packet, call or stop by the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Office in West Point and visit with Sue.

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