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Hello Friends!

Spring is in full bloom and the grass is growing! The redbud and dogwood trees and lilacs sure have been beautiful this year, as well as the flowers. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy all the beauty that spring has to offer. Oh, and what about that snow we had in April?

You may have heard that West Plains Bank and Trust Company is growing again. We have purchased property located across from Orscheln Farm & Home in Houston, Mo., and have begun work to construct a full-service branch. Our loan team is already busy making loans at our temporary location—6783 Highway 63, Suite 2. We are enjoying being part of the Texas County community.

By now many of you have received Covid-19 vaccines and are ready to hit the road again. I have some exciting things lined up for us to enjoy this year. Get your comfy shoes on and be ready to roll!

Just a reminder—I have gone to part-time and am now working Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Bank. My main focus is on GO Club. My time is devoted to bringing you more exciting trips and events in the near future.

Enjoy your spring! I am looking forward to seeing you again on our many adventures!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Finley
Go Club Coordinator

Join the Beach Party! - June 9, 2021

Let's kick off the start of being able to gather together with a beach party! We're going to have some fun in the sun!

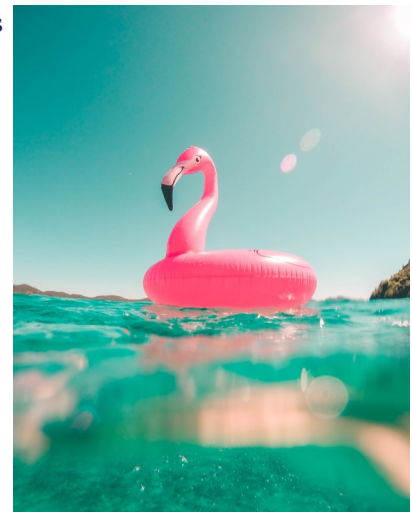
The party will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Historic Post Office (old library building) located at 204 E Main Street in downtown West Plains.

You will be treated to a tour of the building and learn about its history, from the day it was built to present. There also will be a presentation on the

October trip to the Outer Banks in North Carolina and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, scheduled for October 4-12, 2021.

It has been a long while since we could party. Come and enjoy fellowship and hear information about plans for Go Club adventures and events.

Please RSVP by emailing cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com or call 417-256-2147 to leave your reservation with a member of the call center team.



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TRAVEL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

We are committed to doing our best to keep everyone well and happy during GO Club events and trips. Buses are cleaned daily. Hand sanitizer will be available and you can choose to wear a mask (please bring your own). Those sick or running a fever are asked to stay home.

Mystery Trip—Aug. 12, 2021

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Are you ready for a good mystery? We'll get those wheels a rollin' down the road once again to a place you may have seen before, but probably have never stopped to see the sites.

History, culture, and nostalgia await you on this fun day trip. We will depart from the north end of the West Plains Civic Center parking lot at 7 a.m., return-

ing around 9 p.m.

This day adventure will not disappoint. The cost is \$135 per person. A deposit of \$25 will hold your spot. **Final payment must be made by July 12, 2021.**

Please email your reservation to cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com or call 417.256.2147 to add your name to the list.



Sept. 9, 2021—Jesus! at Sight and Sound Theatre

You're in for a treat if you join us for the production of Jesus! At the Sight and Sound Theatre in Branson.

The theatre describes the production as follows: "From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, Jesus! is an action-packed musical stage adventure for the whole family. Experience the greatest rescue story of all time as it comes to life on stage with massive sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage production."

We will depart from the north end of the



West Plains Civic Center at 8:30am for a fun day in Branson. We will stop for a break along the way then head to Tanger Mall for shopping and lunch on your own. We will depart at 2:30pm for the Sight and Sound Theatre for the 3:30 pm. Following the show, we will enjoy dinner then head for West Plains.

Cost for this one-day adventure will be \$144. A \$25 deposit will hold your seat, with **final payment due August 9**. Please email cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com or call 417-256-2147 to make your reservation.

Oct. 4-12, 2021—Outer Banks to Myrtle Beach

The Outer Banks and Myrtle Beach trip was originally scheduled for Spring 2021 and I'm pleased we will enjoy it this fall (Oct. 4-12, 2021)!

Day 1, Chef and Demo Dinner—We will depart for the Carolina coast via deluxe motorcoach. Enjoy a family-style dinner at Mo'Cara, where the chef will interact with our group and conduct a cooking demonstration before dinner is served. We will over-night in Lebanon, Tenn. (D)

Day 2, Chimney Rock Park—After breakfast, we will take the elevator to the Top of the Rock to see Hickory Nut Falls and Moonshiners Cave. Enjoy a breath of fresh air in nature and a view you will remember for a lifetime. Grilled burgers or black bean burgers with assorted cheeses, homemade sides and deserts will be available at the Chimney Classic Buffet. We stay the night in Greensboro, N.C., at the Drury Inn. Kickback will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The rotating menu includes heavy appetizers, vegetables, salad, etc.—substantial enough to make a meal. (B, L, D—5:30 Kickback).

Day 3, Wild Horse Tour—Feel the ocean breeze and taste the salty beach air as we cruise through the Carova Outback in an open-air Hummer. No two tours are ever the same. Our route will pass by the Walehead Club and Currituck Beach Lighthouse, commonly referred to as the Corolla Light. We will head to our oceanfront home in Kill Devil, N.C., for dinner at Beachcombers Restaurant and two nights' stay. (B, D)

Day 4, Village of Manteo and Wright Brothers Museum—Begin the day with a

visit to the Village of Manteo for lunch on your own and free time to visit the shops. It's a short walk to the Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse. Festival Park has much to offer. Take in the movie "Two Paths", which showcases the arrival of the first English colonists from the Native American perspective. Explore the Discovery Museum with hands-on North Carolina history displays. And, don't miss Elizabeth II, the replica sailing ship, and English settlement. Our next adventure will be to Kitty Hawk, N.C., to learn about Wilbur and Orville Wright's path to the first successful flight on Dec. 17, 1903. Dinner will be waterfront at Basnight's Lone Cedar Café. (B, D)



Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

Day 5, Lighthouses and Ferries—It's another day of Outer Banks touring. Tucked away between tall pine trees and freshwater marshland, the Bodie Island Lighthouse is an important part of local history. Its powerful light beams every evening keeping silent watch over the treacherous waters known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" where possibly thousands of shipwrecks have occurred. Just offshore from Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the Gulf Stream collide with the Virginia Drift, a branch of the Labrador Current from Canada, forcing southbound ships into a dangerous, 12-mile-long sandbar known as Diamond Shoals. We will then board a ferry to the island of Ocracoke for dining, shopping and strolls along the waterfront. A free tram service as well as rental bikes and golf carts are available near the ferry terminal. Enjoy free time before a 22-mile ferry ride to Cedar Island, a small, North Carolina fishing village known for its seafood, wild horses and unique way of life. Take in beautiful views of Bogue Sound from our hotel in Morehead, N.C. Dinner is on your own. (B)

Day 6, Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island Museum—Board the ferry in Southport, N.C., for a 20-minute ride to Bald Head Island. Island transportation is limited to golf cart, bike or your own two feet. Tour the island with a knowledgeable guide. Admission to Old Bay Lighthouse are included. Bama Theater, a premier entertainment venue on the East Coast featuring signature shows (show to be announced). (B, D)

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B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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Day 7, Shelling Lighthouse Cruise— We will board the Carolina Rover, a 40-foot pontoon, for a 3-4 hour Eco-tourism cruise along the Grand Strand where the Winyah Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. Cruise through a birdwatcher's paradise to South Carolina's oldest lighthouse, the Georgetown Light (1811). During low tide, beach comb for shells (pending availability). Join Captain Blackbeard and quartermaster Calico Jack as they lead the Crimson and Sapphire crews in an epic battle for lost treasure on land at Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage Dinner and Show. Swashbuckling excitement, acrobatics, aerial feats, sea lions, tropical birds, mermaids and ships await. (B, D)

Day 8, World's Fair Park— We head for Knoxville, Tenn., to World's Fair Park. The site of the 1982 World's Fair, the park features the Sunsphere, which was built to honor the theme "Energy Turns the World."

The fourth floor observation deck offers 360° views of the city and Great Smoky Mountains. A 5:30 Kickback (free hot food and cold beverages) will be available at the hotel.



(B, D-5:30 p.m. Kickback)

Day 9, Depart for Home— After breakfast, we head for home. (B)

Pricing, per person, for this trip is as follows: \$2,629 (double occupan-

cy); \$2,429 (triple occupancy); \$2,229 (quadruple occupancy); and \$3,229 (single occupancy). U.S. Tours includes a Peace of Mind Cancellation Waiver fee in the price. Cancel at any time with at least 32 business hours (4 business days) notice, and receive a 100% refund, less waiver fee of \$180 (\$75% refund with less than 32 hours notice, less the \$180 fee). Only quick return of payments included – no other insurance benefits for coverage or accident, sickness, medical or baggage damage.

A deposit of \$500 per person is required with reservation. The second payment of \$350 per person is due by July 1, 2021. **Final payment is due by Aug. 25, 2021.**

Make your reservation by emailing cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com or calling 417.256.2147

Vaccines, Variants, and Vacations—The Future of Safe Travel

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As we near the middle of 2021, the changes and disruptions associated with the pandemic are well known and documented. Stocks associated with the stay-at-home economy thrived while many industries were decimated. The U.S. Travel Association estimated a \$1 trillion loss occurred in the travel and tourism industries during the pandemic.

There is a new optimism, however, and the latest Longwoods International tracking study of Americans' collective sentiment towards travel has shown that roughly 80 percent of travelers have established plans during the next six months. After a year of social isolation, people are ready to expand their horizons and transform their lives through travel.

With vaccinations on the rise, the travel and hospitality industries are now poised to serve pent up demand. However, even in the United States, restrictions differ greatly whether you travel to Alabama, California, or Hawaii. What has the industry accom-

plished to help clients navigate the future with safety? One initiative is to identify certain global destinations as "safe for travel."

The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) recently awarded a *Safe Travels* stamp to 250 worldwide locations. Destinations with the stamp adopted global protocols designed by the WTTC in coordination with the United Nations World Tourism Organization and over 200 CEOs in the world tourism industry. Through collaborative efforts, the travel industry has created a plan to help recover, restore confidence, and rebuild.

The protocols outline actions that travel industry players should take both behind the scenes (retraining staff, revising cleaning procedures, and working with governments to provide financial relief through the sector) and when welcoming guests (mandating masks where required, monitoring guest numbers to facilitate social distancing, and creating new signage to encourage guests to use safe hygiene practices). Although vaccination rates are improving, there is still concern over new variants. Travelers can

take comfort that once a company has implemented the new protocols, it is eligible for the bright green safety stamp, which it can display on its website.

Travel is important to many of our clients and it's a goal incorporated into many financial plans. If you're a recent retiree, visiting bucket-list destinations is a dream and a high priority. Moreover, as a consumer, you want to invest your money wisely. The expenses associated with once-in-a-lifetime trips, visits with family, and other shared social experiences are worth it as long as you're as healthy at the end of your vacation as you were when you boarded the airplane.

The challenges from the pandemic were unprecedented and resulted in the world travel industry's first-ever global collaborative efforts to protect travelers through health and safety standards. For more information about how you can protect your vacation investment and make the best of memories, speak with your travel agent and visit industry sites such as travelpulse.com and wttc.org

Enjoy this joke as seen on Facebook... 🤔😂😂

A couple went to breakfast at a restaurant where the senior special was 2 eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

Wife: Sounds good but I don't want the eggs. **Waiter:** Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte.

Wife: You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs? **Waiter:** YES! **Wife:** I'll take the special then. **Waiter:** Great. How do you want your eggs? **Wife:** Raw and in the shell.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake! DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS! We've been around the block more than once!



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2021 Upcoming Events

Bank Holidays

The following list of dates represents days all West Plains Bank and Trust Company locations will be closed in 2021:

- Monday, May 31, 2021—Memorial Day
- Monday, July 5, 2021—Observance of Independence Day
- Monday, September 6, 2021—Labor Day
- Monday, October 11, 2021—Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 11, 2021—Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25, 2021—Thanksgiving Day
- Saturday, December 25, 2021—Christmas Day

GO Club Events & Trips

- **Beach Party!** - Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 2 to 4 p.m., Historic Post Office; fellowship, update on upcoming GO Club events and presentation on trip to Outer Banks and Myrtle Beach (Oct. 4-12, 2021)
- **Mystery Trip**—Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021; join us for a day-long adventure filled with history, culture and nostalgia!
- **“Jesus” at Sight & Sound Theatre**—Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021; shopping, an inspirational show, and tasty dinner
- **Outer Banks to Myrtle Beach**—Oct. 4-12, 2021; lighthouses, shells, wild horses, Wright Brothers history, a pirate experience and more!

All trips depart from north side of West Plains Civic Center—110 St. Louis Street, West Plains, Mo.

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