

News on the GO!

A publication for West Plains Bank and Trust Company GO Club Members



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Hello, Friends!

It is hard to believe that it is 2026 already! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends.

The Go Club was very active in 2025. We went to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see the performance of "David". We took a Mystery trip to Shipshewana, Ind., to experience the Amish country.

In July and August, we made two trips to Alaska! We saw bears playing in the creek and the northern lights.

Finally, we ended the year with our annual trip to Branson to take in a show and drive through the Christmas lights.

I have a lot of plans for 2026 and am looking forward to more fun and exciting adventures!

Yours truly,
Cheryl Finley
Go Club Coordinator

2026



Valentine's Day Party - Feb. 13

The annual GO Club Valentine's Day Party will be held Friday, Feb. 13, 10:30 am, in the Magnolia Room of the West Plains Civic Center, 110 St Louis St., West Plains, Mo.

The meeting room is upstairs. There is an elevator located in the lobby. Coffee and pastries will be served.

I am excited to share Bob Pope, West Plains Model Railroad Club, will be the guest speaker and have a small display for us to enjoy!

Please call 417-256-2147 or email cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com to make your reservations by Feb. 4, 2026. Space is limited and usually fills quickly. Don't delay calling.

What's New Around the Bank

You may have noticed the new ATM located south of West Plains on Highway 160, in front of Tractor Supply Company. This is a big asset for our customers on the south side of town and it should be operational by the time you receive this letter.

Renovations will soon begin at North Branch, 1601 Porter Wagoner, Blvd., West Plains. Announcements will be made as entrances or ways to access services are modified to accommodate the work. The goal of the project is to create a beautiful and functional space for our busiest branch. Your patience during the process is appreciated.

Route 66, Illinois & Missouri - June 8-12, 2026

Let's celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "Mother Road", Route 66, this year. I am not going to share all that we are doing on this trip. Consider this a mini mystery trip! I will guarantee that you will enjoy the sights along the way.

Day 1 - Board our deluxe motorcoach as we embark on our drive to Chicago, Ill., to spend the night in a suburban Chicago hotel.

Day 2 - We will visit the official Route 66 starting point, located at 122 S. Michigan Ave., near the intersection of South Michigan Avenue and East Adams Street (just across from the Art Institute of Chicago). There, you will find an eye-catching marker sign with information about the start of the historic route.

The Illinois Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum features thousands of artifacts and memorabilia related to Route 66. Take time for a great photo op with the largest Route 66 shield in the world, painted on the outside back wall of the museum. The mural was created by Diaz Sign Art of Pontiac, Ill., in 2007, and has become a popular tourist attraction.

This evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, followed by an educational exhibit highlighting businesses in 92 communities along Route 66. Stay overnight at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Springfield, Ill. (B, D)

Day 3 - After enjoying breakfast, start the day at the Ace Sign Co. Museum, which includes over 85 historic signs from Springfield, Ill., and Route 66. Several notable signs include a 12' tall 1953 Neon Pepsi bottle cap, a sign that once identified the Train Depot where Lincoln gave his farewell speech, along with several other vintage signs originating from memorable dining establishments.



Next stop will be a self-guided tour of the Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. Dedicated to the life and legacy of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, the Presidential Library and Museum bring together the world's largest collection of documentary material related to the life of President Lincoln. After this stop we are in for more iconic roadside attractions as we travel to St. Louis, where we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and spend the night in the heart of downtown. (B, D)

Day 4 - After a breakfast at the hotel we will journey westward to Cuba, Mo. One of nine American Cities named after that Island country, it is known as the "Route 66 Mural City". We will experience some more iconic things on the Mother Road. Continuing westward, we stop in Springfield, Mo., then on to Joplin for dinner and an overnight stay. (B, D).

Day 5 - Historic Route 66 brought travelers through the heart of Joplin in the mid-20th century. The city became a popular stop on the highway, and businesses along Main Street flourished because of it. After more sightseeing through this area, we will travel back to West Plains with some newfound facts and experiences of Route 66, the 100-year-old Mother Road of our country. (B)



This fun mini-mystery adventure will be exciting and will fill quickly. Call 417-256-2147 or email cheryL.finley@westplainsbank.com to reserve your spot on the bus for a \$250 deposit. Reservations are due by March 1, 2026, with final payment by April 20, 2026.

Cost per person: double occupancy \$1,485; triple occupancy \$1,385; quadruple occupancy \$1,285; single occupancy \$1985. Included in price: Deluxe Motorcoach transportation, four nights lodging, four hotel breakfasts, three dinners, gratuity for bus driver, hotel luggage handling (one bag per person, where available). A peace of mind cancellation waiver is available. Contact Cheryl Finley for details - 417.256.2147 or cheryL.finley@westplainsbank.com.

***B-breakfast; L-lunch; D-dinner**

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Colorado's Vintage Railways - Aug. 14-21 & Aug. 28-Sept. 4, 2026

This popular trip filled just by word of mouth for the Aug. 21-Sept. 4, 2026, dates. With so much interest, I decided not to leave anyone out on the adventure and booked a second trip for Aug. 14-21, 2026. This departure will be first, and is already half full!

Day 1 – Depart West Plains for Springfield Branson National Airport for our flight to Denver. (D)

Day 2 – Georgetown Loop Railroad/Mountain Tales

The day begins in charming Georgetown, Co., which started as a mining camp in 1859. Experience your first rail adventure aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad, a narrow-gauge line that forms a grand loop high in the Rocky Mountains. Following lunch, storyteller Leon Joseph Littlebird will perform tales of mountain life and Indigenous music. Then, on to our hotel in Grand Junction. (B, L)



Day 3 – Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

See the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park, part of a deep, steep-walled gorge carved through Precambrian rock by the Gunnison River. Then hop aboard the 1880's coal-fired, steam-powered locomotives from Silverton to Durango following the same track miners, cowboys, and settlers took over a century ago. Gaze in awe while chugging through portions of the magnificent two million acres of remote wilderness that make up the San Juan National Forest! (B)

Day 4 – Durango Your Way

Enjoy a leisurely day in the western town of Durango, Co., founded in 1880 by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. You may choose to explore this historic downtown on a walking tour, stroll the Animas

River trail, browse the shops, or take an exciting optional excursion. (B)

Optional Add-On:

Mesa Verde National Park: travel deep into Mesa Verde National Park to learn about the Ancestral Puebloans. Price \$85 per person.

(L)

Day 5 – Cumbres & Toltec Railroad

Return to the exciting days of the Frontier West aboard this stately steam engine the moment it blows its horn! Relax in your comfortable coach or open-air observation car during an unforgettable journey from Chama to Antonito, located in the San Juan Mountains, at an elevation of 10,022 feet. Midway, enjoy a delicious lunch stop in the small mining town of Osier before heading to Alamosa. (B, L)

Day 6 – Great Sand Dunes National Park/ Royal Gorge Railroad

Marvel at North America's tallest dunes in Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve. After lunch, enjoy a trip on "North America's most scenic railroad" – the world-famous Royal Gorge Route! (B, L, D)

Day 7 – Pikes Peak

The day begins at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, suspended 1,000 feet above the gorge. Travel toward Colorado Springs for lunch in the magical town of Manitou Springs, home to nine mineral springs fed by the snows of Pikes Peak. Tonight, enjoy a rousing Western stage show and Chuckwagon dinner at Flying Ranch. (B, L, D)

Optional Add-On:

Pikes Peak Cog Railway: If you are feeling extra adventurous, sign up for a thrilling 8,000-foot ascent to the top of majestic Pikes Peak (14,110 ft.), taking in miles of mountainous scenery along the way. Price \$85 per person.



Day 8 – Garden of the Gods

This morning, we visit the stunning Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. This 1,367-acre park at the base of Pikes Peak is where the Great Plains meet the Rockies-and is like a little piece of heaven! Be amazed by the abundance of plant and animal life here, as well as the magnificent red sandstone formations. Afterwards, return to Denver as you say goodbye to new friends and take-home happy railroading memories! (B)



Call 417-256-2147 or email cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com to sign up for this amazing trip by February 20, with a deposit of \$250. Final payment date is May 29, 2026. Included in price are 7 nights hotel, 14 meals, transportation from West Plains to Springfield, roundtrip air to/from Denver, all scenic mountain rail adventures on Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton, Georgetown Loop Railroads.

Pricing is per person: Double - \$3499; Triple/Quad \$3299; Single \$4,299. Insurance is available for this trip, contact Cheryl for details.

B-breakfast; L-lunch; D-dinner

Trip Departures

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Bank will be closed on the following dates:

- 📅 Monday, Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 📅 Monday, Feb. 16 - President's Day
- 📅 Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
- 📅 Friday, June 19 - Juneteenth
- 📅 Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day
- 📅 Monday, Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- 📅 Monday, Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
- 📅 Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
- 📅 Thursday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- 📅 Friday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day