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Hello Friends,

It's a windy, snowy and cold day in Iowa, but I am toasty and warm looking ahead to a fun-filled 2026 and anxious to share it with all of you. Be sure and check everything out, especially the deadline dates. We have some very popular trips coming up and we need the trips locked in.

In March we will be traveling to Italy with a great group of travelers and I know they will have an amazing time exploring Italy, the history, the countryside, and especially the food and the wine.

As you look through the newsletter, I know you will find so many things you will want to get on your calendar and see where the bus takes us.

In April, *'The Texas Tenors'* will be in concert at the Gallagher Bluedorn in Cedar Falls. Join us for a day filled with wonderful music, and a delicious lunch that will be chopped and prepared right in front of you at the Sakura Steakhouse.

In May, we will take a spring trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, WI for *'Hairspray'*, winner of eight Tony Awards. And of course, we all know the dinner served at the Fireside is "amazing". An overnight stay with lots of fun things planned along the drive.

June doesn't only bring Fair Season, it will also bring a trip to Minneapolis for DayTrippers performance of *'Nobody's Perfect'*, a romantic comedy that blends *'Some Like It Hot'*, *'Tootsie'* and *'Mrs. Doubtfire'*. An afternoon filled with characters, costumes, lots of laughs, and of course lunch, all at a new location to visit, the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple.

Join us in July for a day in Minneapolis with guaranteed good food and great entertainment. We will

travel to the Orpheum Theatre for *'Wicked'*, the story of Elphaba and Galinda. The story, the music, the wonder and the memories now live on stage. Buca di Beppo is set to serve us a wonderful Italian lunch with salads, pastas, crusty breads and of course, cannoli for dessert.

Call Jodi today and get signed up for a spring and summer full of fun!

Before I close my letter, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support, your prayers and your words of concern shared with us this past year during our son-in-law's battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. Ben passed away October 31st after a courageous fight. As Melissa said, Ben was smart, funny and kind and now he leaves a wonderful legacy. We know he will be watching over all his family every day. Again, our thanks.

See you on the road.

Ronda

EXCITING NEWS!

We've rolled out

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**NEW web address and
NEW Facebook page
just in time for the NEW Year!**

Email Jodi at vipconnection@cusb.com to receive this newsletter by email instead of in your mailbox.



Deadline to sign up is March 30th!

~ THURSDAY & FRIDAY ~
May 21-22, 2026

Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, WI

Cost: \$320.00

per person/double occupancy

(Single \$385.00; Triple \$300.00; Quad \$290.00)

Cost includes the Show/Dinner, Hotel/Breakfast, One Lunch, Motorcoach/Driver, and All Gratuities

Come join us for an overnight stay in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin! The first day we'll head to the Fireside Dinner Theatre to see an evening performance of 'Hairspray'. It's 1962 and in the city of Baltimore, young Tracy Turnblad, a lovable girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion - to dance. When she wins a spot on a popular TV dance show she is transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. She must use her newfound power to defeat the evil plans of teen princess Amber Van Tussle, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network. Winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 'Hairspray' is a story about acceptance and inclusion (and rejection and exclusion) during the early days of the civil rights movement. It's a story of equality told with humor and heart, '60's rock and roll, and spectacular high energy dancing. On our second day, after a relaxing stay at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Fort Atkinson and a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we'll head for home but make some fun stops along the way!

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are signed up for a tour and it is necessary for you to cancel, we will make every effort to provide either a partial or full refund. However, we cannot guarantee a full refund. There may be times when refunds will NOT be possible due to ticket purchases, meal number guarantees, etc.

If you must cancel, you will receive a full refund IF you find someone else to take your place on the scheduled trip.

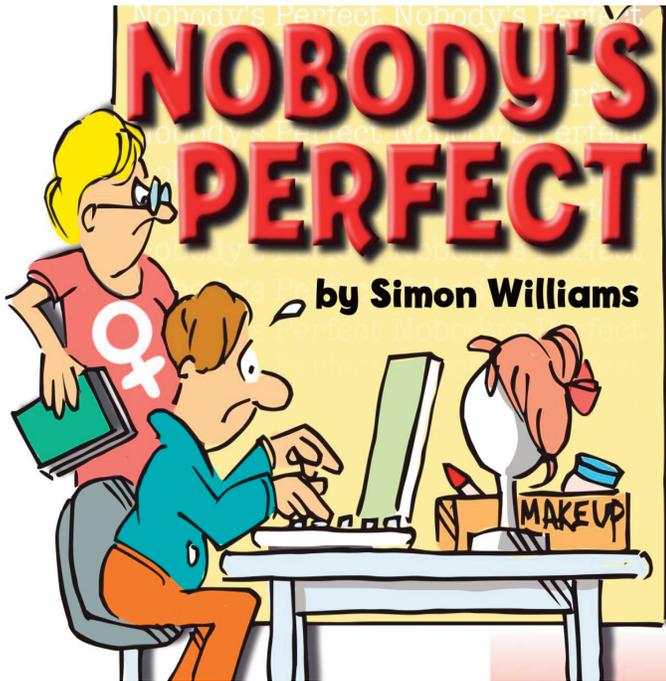
If a tour is cancelled due to insufficient reservation numbers, you will receive a full refund. On tours where an outside agent is used, we will adhere to the written cancellation policy of the agent.

Remember standby lists are always welcome. Please call and add your name to any trips that interest you. In case of a cancellation, we will call in the order in which you signed up.

~ Assistance Required Policy ~

On CUSB Bank VIP Connection trips, it is required that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing that assistance. Neither CUSB Bank VIP Connection personnel nor its suppliers may assist with medications or physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. Travelers needing special assistance for other than personal needs must notify CUSB Bank VIP Connection at the time of booking to determine what assistance may be reasonably made available.

Guests are always welcome on our trips, but after traveling with us 3 times, they will pay a Non-Member Price adding 10% to the cost of the trip.



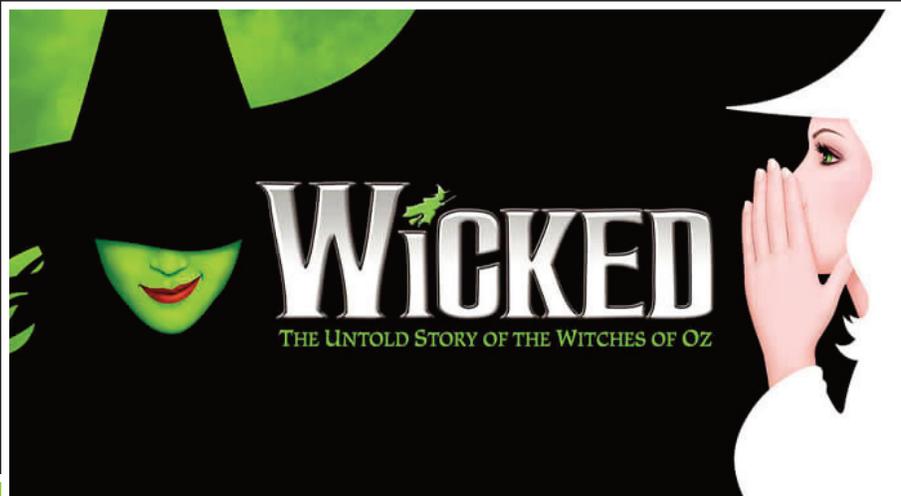
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Matinee at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple

COST: \$150.00

(Buffet lunch is included.)

Join us at DayTripper Dinner Theatre's beautiful new location for their new show, *'Nobody's Perfect'*. The Women's Publishing House called Love is All Around is inviting new writers to submit a manuscript into a competition. Leonard is thrilled when he hears his manuscript has won the top prize, but equally disappointed to hear it can only be awarded in person to a female. To avoid forfeiting the prize, Leonard's alter ego, Lulabelle Latifa is born - and the real craziness begins! Think *'Some Like It Hot'*, *'Tootsie'*, and *'Mrs. Doubtfire'* - a classic romantic comedy with a twist, that has belly laughs galore.



**THURSDAY
July 9, 2026**

**1:00 PM Matinee
at the Orpheum Theatre
Minneapolis, MN**

COST: \$230.00

Lunch at Buca di Beppo
Italian Restaurant is included.

**DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF
THIS SHOW, TICKETS WILL
NEED TO BE PURCHASED
EARLY SO CALL TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**Deadline to sign up is
March 20th!**

'Wicked' is the untold story of the witches of Oz, focusing on the unlikely friendship between misunderstood, green-skinned Elphaba (who becomes the Wicked Witch of the West), and the popular, bubbly Galinda (who becomes Glinda the Good Witch) at Shiz University, exploring themes of good vs. evil, prejudice, and social justice as they navigate a corrupt Oz and discover their true destinies. It serves as a prequel to *'The Wizard of Oz'*, explaining how Elphaba became "wicked" and Glinda became "good," challenging the classic narrative. From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, *'Wicked'* transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story.



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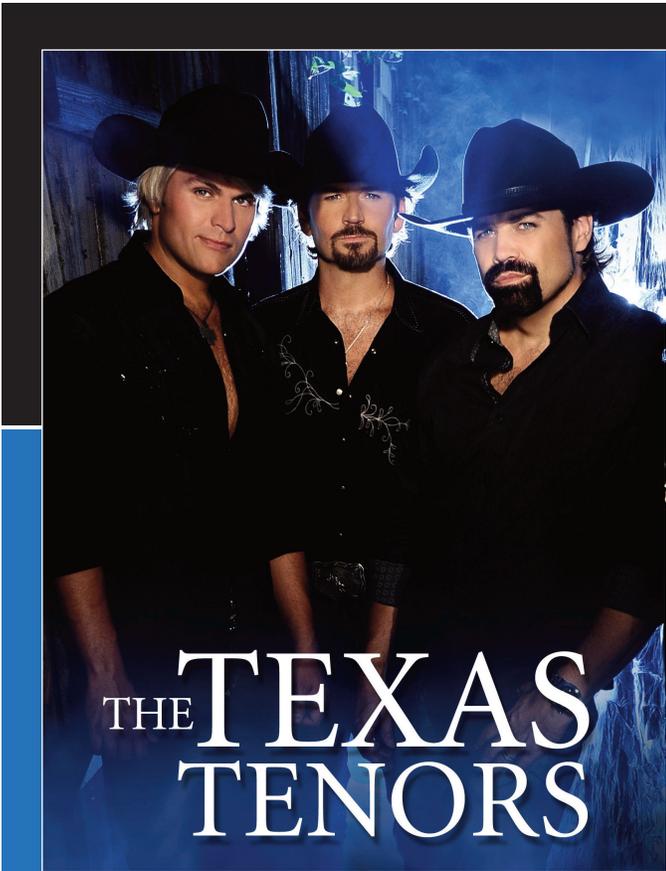
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SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
MAY 22, 2026

See insert inside this newsletter for trip details.



Sunday, April 26, 2026

Matinee at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center in Cedar Falls, IA

COST: \$175.00

Lunch before the show at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse in Cedar Falls, IA is included.

Classically Trained. Multi-Talented. Cowboys. Come and join *'The Texas Tenors'* as they join us for a special, patriotic celebration of the Gallagher-Bluedorn's 25th Anniversary. An unforgettable afternoon performance filled with new music, patriotic anthems, and a captivating blend of Country and Classical melodies. From their chart-topping albums to their electrifying performances on America's Got Talent, the *Tenors* promise to deliver a concert experience you'll never forget.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 6th!