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Newsletter

Dear Friends:

March 26, 2026

At the Barn in Goodfield, IL, there are some good shows coming. "My Big Barn III Wedding," on Sunday, May 3. (There are 44 people going!) "Elvis Has Left the Building," on Sunday, October 18, and "The Christmas Around the World" on Sunday, November 15.

List of shows coming to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI. "Hairspray," on Thursday, April 23, "Million Dollar Quartet," on Thursday, June 11, "Disney's Frozen," on Thursday, August 6, "Come from Away," on Thursday, September 24, and "A Christmas Story," on Thursday, November 5.

The summer mystery trip is now available for sign-up. It is June 7-10, 2026.

A trip is scheduled from July 9-23, 2026, to Norway and the Arctic Circle on *Celebrity Apex*. It has all the experiences of London as well.

Another trip has been scheduled for Shipshewana for August 24 – 27. It's a great trip. We see a lot of the Amish people going about their business and it includes a meal in an Amish home and the famous "haystack dinner."

We are going to Delavan, WI again. This is everything you always wanted to find out about the artists and having a delicious meal to boot.

We are going to go to Branson this year. The dates are this year, November 30-December 5, 2026. A brochure is now available.

Remember Treasure Island? We will be going again in February of 2027. There is an opportunity that we can see the Florida Manatees, Shell Island and much more. If you are interested, and would like a brochure when it is completed, call me.

If you are not on our mailing list, give us your name and address or email address and check out our website at your convenience.

Have a Happy Easter to all of you. We will see you soon. God bless you and your family and God Bless America.

--*Jill Kirkpatrick*

Thursday, April 23, 2026

“Hairspray” at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

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 new-found power to defeat the evil plans of teen princess Amber Van Tussle, win the affections of heartthrob Lin 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 you’ll ever see on stage. Menu is Spring salad, harvest blend of lettuces topped with strawberries, candied walnuts, feta cheese, and a raspberry vinaigrette. Entree is barbecued baby back ribs, a half rack of our signature lean pork baby back ribs, glazed with our special barbecue sauce, slowly roasted until tender meat falls from the bone. Served with scalloped potatoes and a green bean medley. Dessert is Key Lime Pie, a refreshing tart custard made with genuine Florida Key Lime Juice, presented with fresh whipped cream. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$160. See if we can still get seats..

Sunday, May 3, 2026

“My Big Barn III Wedding” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

Welcome to the craziest Barn III Wedding this side of the cornfields...but hold on to your champagne flute – you’re not just watching the wedding, you’re in it! Ever wanted to attend a Barn III wedding? Now’s your chance! My Big Barn III Wedding is an audience immersive, laugh-out-loud theatrical experience where you are on the guest list. From dramatic in-laws to a disco-loving wedding singer and a mother of the bride bravely holding the chaos together, this celebration has everything – except predictability. This one-of-a-kind experience drops you straight into the action of the wedding of the year complete with cocktail hour, dancing, photographers, speeches, dinner, and a toast to the real MVP of the big day, Mother of the Bride. Dress like you’re going to a real wedding (because you are), and get ready for an unforgettable event full of comedy, chaos, great food and cake! Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$129. **Final payment due Monday, April 6, 2026.**

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Jim McDonough, Private Concert, Cedar Rapids, IA

Come join me in a celebration for my birthday. It’s a morning concert on his personal Steinway piano exclusively for our group. During a late morning intermission, Jim will be serving some gourmet desserts with champagne and/or a non-alcoholic beverage for your pleasure. Leave at 8:00 a.m. and return by 1:45 p.m. Price is \$149 and includes bus, concert and intermission treats. Note there will be no lunch stop, but you’re welcome to bring something with you to eat enroute to his home. We will be making a stop along the way. **Payment due Friday, April 10, 2026.**

Sunday, June 7-10, 2026

Summer Mystery Trip

It is a lot of fun and a surprise lunch stop. Leave at 6:00 a.m., back at 9:00 p.m. Price is double \$1,199 and \$1,399 single. Only a \$50 per person secures your space. A brochure is available.

Final payment due Friday, May 1, 2026.

Thursday, June 11, 2026

“Million Dollar Quartet” at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

On December 4, 1956, an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions of all time. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET brings that legendary December night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal, and celebrations that is both poignant and funny. Relive the era with the smash-hit sensation featuring an incredible score of rock n’ roll, gospel, R&B, and country hits all performed live. Featuring such hit songs as “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Fever,” “Walk the Line,” “Sixteen Tons,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Hound Dog,” and many more. Menu is Jam session salad, a medley of spinach baby kale, arugula, and frisee lettuce, hardboiled egg, cucumber coins, and grape tomatoes topped with a house-made sweet-sour dressing, Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon Chips, and French-fried buttermilk onion strings. Entrée is Chicken Cordon Bleu, a boneless breast of chicken filled with Jones Cherrywod Smoked Canadian Bacon, garlic and herb cream cheese, Swiss cheese, and Dijon Mustard, rolled in our seasoned breadcrumbs sauteed to a golden brown, and baked to finish. Served on a delicious creamy Dijon Sauce and accompanied by garlic parmesan orzo and a Parisian vegetable mix. Dessert is Crème Brulee, a traditional and homemade vanilla bean, adorned with fresh blueberries and raspberries. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$160. ***Final payment due Thursday, May 7, 2026.***

Thursday, July 9-23, 2026

Norway Cruise and the Arctic Circle

Leave from Southampton, England on Celebrity Cruises *Apex*; sail through Bruges, Belgium; Flam, Norway; Arctic Circle (cruise); Tromso, Norway; Honningsvåg, Norway; Arctic Circle (cruise); Alesund, Norway; Olden, Norway; Rotterdam, Netherlands; and back to Southampton, England. In addition, we’ll have an overnight to London, England. Upon arrival in London, we’ll have a private city tour visiting Kensington Palace and Gardens. We’ll check into the Park Plaza Victoria London Hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. After breakfast at the hotel, we’ll meet our guide for a full day of sightseeing. We’ll visit the Tower of London where the crown jewels are offered and Westminster Abbey. After breakfast this morning we transfer to Southampton Port once used as a staging area for the attack on D-Day when World War II is now defined by its universities and retail shopping. Includes local round-trip airport transfers, round-trip airfare and pre-cruise package in London, tour related taxes and gratuities for guides, drivers, bellmen and porters, 12-night cruise, all meals and entertainment on the ship, customary shipboard gratuities, classic beverages on the ship, unlimited wi-fi package, port charges, taxes and government fees. Price is \$8,599 dbl. with balcony, \$7,699 dbl. inside cabin.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

“Disney’s Frozen” at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen’s 1844 fairy tale “The Snow Queen,” FROZEN tells the story of sisters Anna and Elsa. When Elsa uses her magical powers to trap their kingdom in perpetual winter, Anna joins forces with Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Elsa and break her ice spell. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST and THE LION KING, FROZEN captured the hearts of theatregoers from all corners of the world, playing to sold out houses with its touching story of family and love. Now The Fireside will bring all that magic to our stage with beautiful costumes, great dancing, and sweeping music including the unforgettable hit song “Let It Go.” The menu is our Signature Salad with watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, kiwi, and strawberries over fresh garden greens, sprinkled with sesame croutons and our famous Papaya chutney

dressing. Entrée is Pretzel Pork Ribeye, a succulent boneless pork loin chop rolled in our seasoned breadcrumbs and pretzel pieces, seared until tender and resting on a delicate stone ground mustard and cream sauce, served with au gratin sweet potatoes and roasted squash. Dessert is a flourless chocolate cake, a decadent cake made from espresso powder, semi-sweet chocolate, cream and egg. Accompanied by a raspberry coulis. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$160. **Final payment due Tuesday, July 7, 2026.**

Monday, August 24 – 27, 2026

Shipshewana, Indiana

It's an interesting trip to see how the Amish live and work. Hot breakfast every morning at the hotel, lunch stop for a pretzel and 7 other meals. Stay at the beautiful Das Dutch Essenhaus Inn, Yoder's Front Porch, and Shipshe Casuals, Yoder's Department Store where the locals shop, the E & S Bulk Foods, Red Bud Tea Store, Teaberry Wood Products, Ben's Pretzels, Carolyn's Kitchen, Yoder's Rug Weavers, Yoder's Popcorn Shop, Katie's Noodles, Silver Star Leather, Rise-n-Roll Bakery, several hours at the flea market or downtown, Yoder's Meat and Cheese, The Red Barn, and Linton's Enchanted Gardens in Elkhart. We leave at 6:00 a.m. and get back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$819 dbl. and \$1,099 sgl. Only \$50.00 is due at time of reservation. **Final payment is due no later than Thursday, July 23, 2026.**

Thursday, September 24, 2026

"Come From Away," at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Tony Award winning musical that was born out of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. In the remarkable true story of Come from Away, what started as an average morning in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland turned into an international sleepover, when 38 planes carrying 7,000 people from around the globe were diverted to their airstrip. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we are all part of a global family. Experience this joyous story with a dynamic score and a vibrant, fast paced narrative. Menu is roasted sweet corn chowder, flavored with Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon and topped with a Parmesan Crostini, Entrée is Chicken Piccata, a supreme cut chicken breast, lightly breaded and sauteed to a golden brown, resting on a lemon cream velouté sauce, garnished with caper buds and French-fried parsley. Served with tri-color fingerling potatoes and roasted broccoli and cauliflower. Dessert is blueberry crisp, fresh blueberries baked with port wine and brown sugar streusel, served warm with our homemade vanilla frozen custard. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$160. **Final payment due Friday, August 21, 2026.**

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

America's Bandstand, Delavan, WI

Nothing sets the stage for popular culture of a generation more than the music of the 1950's. America's Bandstand takes you back to the sock hop, spotlighting Rockabilly, Doo-Wop and Motown artists, songs, and the history of early Rock & Roll. Songs by – Chuck Berry, Bill Haley and The Comets, Etta James, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checkers, Platters, Roy Orbison, Five Satins, Buddy Holly, Dianna Ross and The Supremes, Neil Sedaka, Ronettes, Temptations, Shirelles, The Everly Brothers, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The menu is battered cod, baked lemon butter herbed cod, roasted chicken and a relish bar and hand-cut French fries, potato pancakes, pastry creation, and coffee/tea/soft drink. Shop the gifts at Rosewood and another shop at the Wisconsin's favorite fabric store. Leave at 8:30 a.m., back at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$155. **Final payment due Monday, September 21, 2026.**

Sunday, October 18, 2026

“Elvis Has Left the Building” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

It’s December 20, 1970, and Elvis Presley has – quite literally – left the building. The problem? Nobody knows where he went. In this fast-paced farce we are dropped into the chaos at Colonel Tom Parker’s office, just days before a major televised appearance that could make or break the King’s career. But when Elvis disappears without a trace, the Colonel must scramble to keep the press at bay, the Colonel’s sanity in check, and most importantly – the illusion that everything is fine. Enter Trudy, his determined secretary, and Roscoe, an out-of-work Elvis impersonator, and what follows is a madcap spiral of improvisation, and pure panic. With a side of historical mystery to boot! Packed with lightning-fast dialogue, outrageous schemes, and a not-so-subtle nod to the rock n’ roll hysteria of the 1970s, Elvis Has Left the Building is a crowd-pleasing comedy that will have audiences laughing from Graceland to Goodfield. Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$129. **Final payment due Friday, September 18, 2026.**

Thursday, November 5, 2026

“A Christmas Story” at the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Ralphie wants only one thing for Christmas: An Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle. A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical is the hilarious account of Ralphie’s desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect gift ends up under his tree. Based on the classic 1983 movie, the musical features a funny and heartfelt score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul who wrote music for the hit movies LA LA LAND and THE GREATEST SHOWMAN and the hit Broadway show DEAR EVEN HANSEN. A CHRISTMAS STORY The Musical captures holiday wonder with such deliciously wicked wit that it is sure to delight children and grown-ups alike! Menu is Cream of Lobster Soup, with crème fraiche and chives. Entrée is Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin, chef carved medallions of roast beef tenderloin, seared, then slowly cooked, finished with a glorious chef-made Bearnaise sauce. Served with roasted butternut squash and Brussel Sprouts with Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon. Dessert is Black Forest cake, our version of the rich and decadent traditional black forest cake topped with our own made from scratch whipped cream. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$160. **Final payment due Wednesday, October 7, 2026.**

Sunday, November 15, 2026

“Christmas Around the World” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

This Holiday Season, take a Trip you’ll never forget – without ever leaving the Barn! Let the Barn III whisk you off on a globe-trotting adventure with the most questionable qualified travel agents you’ve ever met. From the North Pole to the Nile, they’re on a mission to find the true spirit of Christmas – and let’s just say, their GPS is festive at best. Filled with music, mishaps, and a passport’s worth of laughs, this original Barn III holiday musical comedy reminds us that no matter how far you wander, the heart of Christmas is always waiting back home – with family, friends, and the beloved traditions we’ve come to hold dear. Perfect for families, friends, and coworkers who need a good laugh and a reminder of what really matters this holiday season! Bonus: Your boarding pass comes with Beer Cheese! Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. **Notice this price is \$136. Final payment due Friday, October 16, 2026.**

Monday, November 30 – December 5, 2026

Branson, Missouri

You’re going to get out of the cold for one week! The trip includes a stop at Redmon’s Candy Store, Lambert’s Café, Cassandre – the Voice of an Angel Christmas spectacular, the Hughes Brothers, Presley’s Country Jubilee, Hot Rods and High Heels, Frankie Valli and the Four

Seasons, Duttons, Doug Gabriel Show, #1 Hits of the 60's, Legends in concert featuring Kenny Chesney, Johnny Cash, Elvis and the Blues Brothers, and a new show Melody Hart and the All-Star Band, Clay Cooper's Country Express, and the highlight of the trip "The Miracle of Christmas." The trip includes 15 meals. We leave at 6:00 a.m. and return at 9:00 p.m. Price is \$1,519 dbl., and \$1,719 sgl. Only \$50.00 due at time of reservation. **Final payment is due no later than Friday, October 30, 2026.**

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Miscellaneous Information

Reservations:

If you would like to make or cancel reservations or to receive a brochure, call us at Classic Travels, at (563) 332-0014. Our answering machine will take your message, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Remember to speak slowly and clearly and to give your name, telephone number, and message so we can get back to you, if necessary. If you do not receive a call back within 24 hours, we are probably on a trip, and if outside the United States, will only be able to possibly respond to email messages. You will, however, receive a call back as soon as we return. Check out your newsletter or our website to see if we are traveling.

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Payment:

Trips are payable about 30 days in advance unless stated otherwise. If you need to cancel, call us as soon as possible as many dates sell out and have a wait list. For overnight trips, a reservation is confirmed only when a completed reservation form, with your down payment, is received. Checks should be made payable to Classic Travels and mailed to 3371 Eastridge Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Usually, final payment dates are listed at the end of trip descriptions. To be fair, if payment is not received by the final payment date, reservations will automatically be offered to those on the wait list. No telephone call reminders will be made for final payment. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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