

Newsletter

State Bank of Kimball/Saint Augusta Bank Office

Spring 2008

Spring Senior trip to Minneapolis

Ella Meyerson

Please join us on our grand Minneapolis tour, Thursday May 22nd from 8am-6pm. Upon arrival in Minneapolis, we will start out with a docent-guided tour of the Basilica of St Mary. Whatever your religion, the Basilica is an architectural wonder and a beautiful symbol of Catholic faith. For lunch, we will dine at Minneapolis' oldest restaurant, *Pracna on Main*, right on the North side of the Mississippi. After lunch and some optional time outside we will head to the *Mill City Museum* for a short guided tour of the Historic Washburn A-Mill, and then have free time to see the museum at our own pace. This day will be fantastic for everyone (of any faith, walking ability, or interest level); we hope you can join us! Trip cost is \$55 for all customers; \$55 for the first guest of a customer and \$60 for additional friends of customers. Please stop in or call any of us today for more information or to sign up for the trip: Mary Knaus or Katie Lovegren at Saint Augusta, (320) 251 - 6100, TyLynn Theis or Jane Pickle at Kimball, (320) 398 - 3500 or Ella Meyerson at (612) 998 - 0468. Trip signup deadline is May 7th, but the sooner you sign up the easier it is for us to make arrangements.

Health Savings Accounts

TyLynn Theis

In recent years, we've experienced double digit increases in the cost of health insurance. A "High Deductible Health Plan" (HDHP) in combination with a Health Savings Account has gained increasing popularity.

The US Department of the Treasury provides the following guidelines regarding Health Savings Accounts.

Who can have an HSA

Any adult can contribute to an HSA if they:

1. Have coverage under an HSA-qualified "high deductible health plan" (HDHP).
2. Have no other first-dollar medical coverage (exceptions may apply).
3. Are not enrolled in Medicare.
4. Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.

High Deductible Health Plans

You must have coverage under an HSA-qualified "high deductible health plan" (HDHP) to open and contribute to an HSA. Generally, this is health insurance that does not cover first dollar medical expenses. Federal law requires that the Health insurance deductible be at least:

\$1,100* - Self only

\$2,200* - Family Coverage

In addition, annual out-of-pocket expenses under the plan (including deductibles, co-pays, and co-insurance) cannot exceed:

\$5,500* - Self only

\$11,000* - Family Coverage

(\$5,600 and \$11,200 respectively for 2008 tax year)

In general, the deductible must apply to all medical expenses (including prescriptions) covered by the plan. However, plans can pay for "preventive care" services on a first-dollar basis (with or without co-pay). "Preventive care" can include routine pre-natal and well-child care, child and adult immunizations, annual physicals, mammograms, pap smears, etc.

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HSA Contributions

You can make a contribution to your HSA each year that you are eligible.

Contribution limits – 2007 tax year	
Self-only coverage	Family Coverage
\$2850*	\$5650
Contribution limits – 2008 tax year	
\$2900*	\$5800*

Individuals age 55 and older can also make additional “catch-up” contributions. The maximum annual catch-up contribution is \$800 for 2007, \$900 for 2008 and \$1000 for 2009 and after.

*All limits are adjusted annually for inflation.

For more detailed information about HSAs, stop into the bank or visit the US Treasuries website at www.treas.gov (Click on “Health Savings Accounts”).

What’s so great about Online Banking? -Lots!

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Online banking is safe, easy, and may help you in ways your paper statement cannot! -How? First, as we have explained previously, internet banking is safe because we protect you on our website by employing encryption and firewall technologies. Secondly, internet banking is easy -- enrolling is easy, and if you have a computer with internet access then access is easy! Finally, another safety note -- if you use online banking you are able to notice errors or fraud more quickly than if you wait for your monthly paper statement. It’s all at www.statebankofkimball.com.

Here are some frequently asked questions, and some site highlights. How much does it cost? -- fee is waived provided you agree to accept the

monthly statement via email. How current is the information provided online? --transactions are posted periodically throughout the day. Transactions completed after 3:00pm will not be posted until the next business day (3:30 if deposited in person in Kimball, holidays excepted). How much past information can you view? --checking and savings account information includes activity appearing on your last mailed statement plus any current activity. Online Banking users also have the ability to view up to their last twelve (12) months’ worth of both checking and savings statements. Finally, we should note that you can make transfers between your different *State Bank of Kimball* accounts.

How do you enroll in online banking? Here are the instructions:

- Go to the website, www.statebankofkimball.com, and click on the “Enroll” button under the Online Banking Center section.
- Choose the type of enrollment (individual or commercial).
- Review the Agreement and indicate acceptance by clicking on the “I agree” page at the bottom of the screen.
- Complete the required fields and click on the “submit” button.
- We send you a temporary user id and password and then you are ready to log in!

Any other questions, please call us!
(320) 398-3500 (Kimball) or (320) 251-6100 (Saint Augusta).

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