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*Descending leaves fall to the ground,
Twirling, twisting, round and round,
Autumn season is almost here,
The smell of freshness is oh so near.*

*The crisp, cool breeze,
Shakes the leaves from the trees,
Autumn takes away the green,
Golden-bronze and brown is all that can be seen.*

Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/poem-about-autumn#ixzz3ipDxcmv0> Family Friend Poems

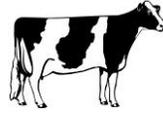
Let's Socialize!

Hopefully you take some time to rest up during Labor Day weekend, because you are going to be busy! Area church fund raising festivals are just the beginning of the fun at your fingertips these next two months. Try to put your autumn yard work aside and the fall cleaning on hold to enjoy the events in your community.

But, don't get too worn out socializing! The Pilot Grove Savings Bank Heritage Club has some special activities of its own lined up for you this fall. So while the days are still somewhat long and the weather favorable for travel, consider joining us for any and all of the season's coming events.

Remember, the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Heritage Club Newsletter is produced every *other* month. If you misplace your copy, the current newsletter, along with previous issues, is available online through our website at www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com. Just click on the Heritage Club tab and scroll down to "Newsletter." It's that simple!

Pilot Grove Savings Bank Named as a Top-Producing Ag Lender in the Country



President and CEO of ICBA Independent Banker®, Camden Fine, has congratulated Pilot Grove Savings Bank as one of the top-producing Ag lenders in the country. With Pilot Grove getting this recognition, it states that we are one of the top 50 community banks in the country in Ag lending.

“You and your team serve your customers every day and help your local community flourish. It is because of local community banks like yours that our industry continues to thrive.” States Fine.

Along with being in the top 50 community banks in Ag lending, Pilot Grove is in the 16th spot on the “Top 25 Community Banks with \$500 Million or More in Assets” list.

According to the article “Betting on the Farm” from ICBA Independent Banker®, part of making a successful bank is securely turning one person's deposits into beneficial credit for other community members. To accomplish this, a bank needs to consistently target a dependable customer base for loans. With the consistency in land and livestock prices, we are able to fulfill those needs!

So be sure to stop in and give your loan officer a pat on the back for the hard work they put in and the success they have achieved!



25th Anniversary

Heritage Club

Activity Day

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

PGSB Community Room, Donnellson

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

The Arrival of October marks the 25th Anniversary of the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Heritage Club. Since its inception in 1990, the club has grown to over 2,150 members! Good friends like you have contributed to the Club's success.

Join our celebration as we welcome Ned Francis, an artist, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and performer of the highest caliber. Ned has independently released multiple albums on his own label and has sold them for 15 years at his shows. Based in Southeast Iowa, he tours regionally and has established a solid fan base in three states as a solo artist.

Following Ned's performance, we will play a few rounds of BINGO, award prize money for each win, and then serve a light lunch with anniversary cake. No reservations needed! Plan to attend and bring a friend.

September Activity Day



Tuesday, September 15, 2015

PGSB Community Room

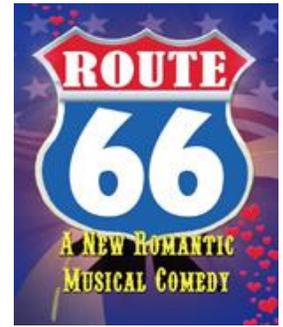
Donnellson

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join your fellow Heritage Club Members for BINGO and Cards as we welcome the autumn season. Fill-the-card winners can take home \$10; special game winners can pocket \$5 for a win; and regular game winners can win \$3 for each BINGO. Card players can win \$5 for first place and \$3 for second place in high-game categories.

Be sure to bring a friend and plan to stay for lunch!

ROUTE 66



A New Romantic Musical Comedy

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Circa '21 Dinner Theatre - Rock Island, Ill

\$91.00 per Person

There's still room for you and a guest along the highway for "Route 66" a new romantic comedy featuring catchy story songs and clever down-home lyrics that move to the rhythm of America. In Circa '21's tradition of presenting musicals, this one feels as comfortable as your favorite sweater.

Prior to our lunch and show at Circa '21, we will stop at the Iowa 80 Truckstop near Walcott, Iowa. Here we will visit the Iowa 80 Trucking Museum, a dream of Bill Moon, Iowa 80's founder. This museum, which was opened in July of 2008, houses many of the Moon Family's antique trucks and transportation memorabilia.

Every truck in Moon's extensive collection has a story to tell and can provide a unique glimpse back in time. Many rare and one-of-a-kind trucks are on display. View short films about trucking history in the REO Theater there, a great way to learn even more about the trucks of yesteryear.

Iowa 80 currently serves 5,000 customers per day and has parking spaces for 900 tractor-trailers, 250 cars and 20 buses. They carry over 50,000 items in their store and currently serve 5,000 customers per day.

Cost of this Classic Day Trip Matinee performance includes transportation, plated lunch and show at Circa '21 and visit to the Iowa 80 Trucking Museum at Walcott. Call our West Point Office at 319-837-6121 and make your reservations today! Deadline for reservations is October 10.





I've been sitting here thinking about the "good ol' days"; my first years working in the small bank building in Pilot Grove, how we sorted checks by hand, posted items manually to customer's account sheets and figured loan payments by hand. How things have changed since I started here in 1970!

As many of you know, I've been working part-time for a couple of years with the thought to fully retire when the time was right. Well, that time has come. I'm excited to be able to spend more time with my family and for my husband, Bob, and I to start on our own Travel Bucket List. This job has given me a glimpse of this big world we live in, not just what's across the ocean, but what is right here in Iowa and the United States.

To complete the "See Iowa First" series, we will be traveling to the Loess Hills this September. This "Final Chapter" thru Iowa is going to be my final chapter and a perfect way to close out my career.

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to serve as your Heritage Club Director. I've looked back on some of the trips we've taken and the memories we've shared. One memory I will always treasure and still brings tears to my eyes happened on our Hawaii trip. We were touring the Pearl Harbor Memorial when one of our travelers standing next to me took off his hat in a solemn salute to those lost in WWII. What an honor to see him able to fulfill his dream!

Since I started as your Heritage Club Director in 2005, the time has gone fast. But it has been filled with great adventures and lasting friendships. I'll remember the smiles and laughter we've shared and know it was time well spent with friends.

As I've said many times, you are a wonderful group of people and I will miss you. Thank you for your friendship these past ten years. Take Care and May God Bless You!

Sue



Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse

Rock Island, Ill

Rating PG

\$91.00 per person

In the Circa '21 tradition of presenting a holiday classic, A WONDERFUL LIFE certainly fits the bill. George Bailey's story remains a timeless tale of dreams, love, and the extraordinary lives of ordinary people.

Based on the classic Frank Capra film starring James Stewart, the story closely follows the original plot, set in 1945, telling the story of a suicidal man whose guardian angel reveals to him how different the world and everyone whose life he has touched would be had he never been born.

Before we call it a day, we hope to travel through the Festival of Lights in Mt. Pleasant. This one-mile drive through the campground at the Old Thresher's grounds with over 60 holiday displays will surely add to our Christmas spirit.

Make your reservation today for this holiday Classic Day Trip, which includes a plated lunch at Circa '21 and a unique stop on the way home. Call the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Office in West Point at 319-837-6121 today.

Marketing Director Retires

Carol Remick has retired from her position as Pilot Grove Savings Bank Marketing Director as of August 14, 2015.

Carol began her work at the bank as a part-time teller in November 1996. With a background in journalism, she produced the Heritage Club Newsletter and worked on bank policies, form letters, brochures, flyers and many other projects requiring writing. In addition, she was responsible for the bank's advertising which included publicity on radio, newspaper, billboards, etc.

She served as a co-branch manager, and then later branch manager, at the Mt. Pleasant Office for five years following the acquisition of that location in 2004. Carol also assisted at Heritage Club events and the annual Ice Cream Socials.

THE FUTURE OF THE HERITAGE CLUB

2016

Following this issue, the Heritage Club Newsletter will be produced by Lauren Steffensmeier and Hanna Kieler. Lauren currently works part-time in the West Point office, and Hanna serves full time in Pilot Grove. Newsletters in the future will be accessible through our Pilot Grove website.

They are currently working on a schedule for next year's trips and activities, and plan to get it out as soon as possible.

They look forward to being apart of Heritage Club and are excited to see what the future holds!

Pilot Grove Savings Bank

Heritage Club



2015
Calendar of
Events

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

*All Pilot Grove Savings Bank Locations will be
CLOSED for business.*

Tuesday, September 15– Activity Day

Cards and Bingo in Donnellson

Friday, September 11 – Patriot Day

Monday, October 12 – Columbus Day

*All Pilot Grove Savings Bank Locations will be
OPEN regular business hours.*

Tuesday, October 20 – Activity Day

Heritage Club 25th Anniversary

Cards and Bingo; Ned Francis in Donnellson

Wednesday, October 28 – Classic Day Trip

“Route 66” at Circa ‘21 in Rock Island

Saturday, October 31– Halloween

Tuesday, November 10 – Activity Day

Cards and Bingo in Donnellson

Tuesday, November 17 – Holiday Dinner

Packwood Christian Church in Packwood

Tuesday, December 1 – Holiday Dinner

Barefoot Becky at FCOC in Mt. Pleasant

Wednesday, December 2 – Classic Day Trip

“It’s A Wonderful Life” at Circa ‘21

**All events are subject to change.*