

A Newsletter from the Historic Pella Trust

PRESERVE PELLA



BARNEY BUERKENS, WAGON MANUFACTURER

Bruce Boertje



Barney Buerkens

If you have seen the Historic Pella Trust's wagon in Tulip Time or 4th of July parades you may have noticed that it is a Buerkens Wagon. Buerkens wagons were manufactured in Pella for over 90 years. A local HPT member is a big fan of Buerkens wagons and graciously allows the Trust to use one of his wagons in the parades. He recently acquired a nicely preserved vintage Buerkens wagon from Oklahoma. If you don't know the story behind Buerkens and wonder why we have used a Buerkens wagon to represent the Trust, here is a brief history.

In the spring of 1865 Barney Buerkens arrived in Pella with his new bride, Jane, just months after the Des Moines Valley Railroad first connected Pella with the nation's markets to the east. For the next decade Pella boomed as a regional shipping hub. The railroad connection made it possible for farmers to ship grain and livestock; merchants and industries to receive and export copious amounts of products; and passengers to easily travel access distant points. Until the railroad arrived farmers and manufacturers were limited to selling only to local markets.

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Watch for this original Buerkens Wagon in future parades

SOUTH PELLA'S BRICK FACTORY: THE FOUNDATION OF PELLA

Bruce Boertje

The Historic Pella Trust has finalized the purchase of the Shetterly property at 222 Oskaloosa Street. This one-and-a-half story brick home, purchased 45 years ago by Vic and Pam Shetterly, is nestled directly west of Caldwell Park.

The Shetterly home fulfills multiple portions of the Trust's mission statement, which is, "To protect and promote buildings, landscapes and sites important to the heritage of Pella, Iowa". The reasons why this property fulfills our mission statement should become clear as you learn the history behind it.

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Historic employee home built by the Pella Brick and Drain Tile factory

SAVING OUR IMPORTANT HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Bob Zylstra, Vice President

An important part of Pella's history and legacy is reflected in the evolution of its buildings. Our Dutch history goes back to days of log cabins and sod huts with straw roofs. The hearty Dutch immigrants went through major hardships as they struggled through the early years of life on the Iowa frontier. Today we see a town where these early efforts have spawned wonderful homes, churches, schools and businesses that moved from the early Dutch style buildings to some of today's finest architecture and technology.

We are fortunate that we still have some of the early Dutch handiwork around us. We still have the cabin where Hendrick Scholte purchased much of the land that today is Pella. We have some of the early homes that they built and some of the places where they started their early businesses, such as general stores, a black smith shop, a fire station and jail, and the list goes on. Our forefathers came to build a new life where they and their children could enjoy their new freedoms and worship as they saw fit. This handiwork now serves as a very visible reminder of our history, but also adds style and charm to our village. Sadly, many examples of important early buildings have already been demolished.

Historic Pella Trust is committed to identifying important buildings that keep this architectural legacy alive and to help ensure that these buildings will survive long into the future. We are also committed to helping our community appreciate these buildings and their value in reminding us of our legacy. Today we are using three main approaches to save the old buildings that we identify as architecturally important. One way is to encourage homeowners to protect their home from later destruction by attaching a Conservation Easement to their property. A Conservation Easement is a legal agreement by the current and future owners of a historic building with Historic Pella Trust, not to tear it down. Today there are several buildings in Pella protected by conservation easements.

A second preservation method is the creation of historic districts whereby the City of Pella's Historic Preservation Commission works with neighborhoods to protect the architectural character of the neighborhood and to make certain that building changes fit the look and style of their historic neighborhood.

The final method involves HPT purchasing a building that is on the eve of being razed. This approach is our most expensive approach, but there are times when it seems to be our best option. To date, HPT has purchased or received a few such properties. One example is the old Stegeman General Store that is now being operated as a Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO) by its new owner.



TOP LEFT: Lost House at 615 East 2nd Street. **MIDDLE LEFT:** Historic Stegeman Store Rescued from Destruction by Historic Pella Trust. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Home in Collegiate Neighborhood Historic District. **RIGHT:** Old City Hall Protected by Conservation Easement.

UPDATE ON THE WAECHTER / BOARDWALK HOME

Jennifer Van Kooten, Executive Director of Historic Pella Trust

In our 2018 newsletter, we featured the home from 300 Broadway that was moved from the Central College campus to a farm South of Knoxville, Iowa. The home overlooks the beautiful rolling hills and scenery of southern Marion County. Mikol Sesker took on this enormous project. Mikol's mom, Jane Sesker, reported that every roof board was numbered as it was removed and the boards have been replaced in their same locations. Soil was excavated from underneath the house and the concrete foundation walls have been poured. Work has resumed on the inside and continues to progress on the outside. Porch footings have been built and the columns are being reconstructed. The original porch should be reattached in the coming weeks. In addition to the work on the house, transformers have been installed on the property in preparation for restoring power. We think it's looking great, and can't wait to see the finished project!



ARTICLE: SOUTH PELLA'S BRICK FACTORY

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For a third of a century - roughly from 1884 to 1917 - Pella Brick and Drain Tile was located between Oskaloosa and University Streets on what is now Caldwell Park. At that time the factory was the only brick and tile factory in Pella. Its roots date back to 1868 when Pella Drain Tile was started north of Pella on Thunder Creek by James and Henry Fisk. In 1884 retired farmer Wiggert Rietveld and investor Peter Bousquet bought into the company and it was moved to South Pella. It was located just blocks from the railroad and alongside an abundant supply of clay. By 1888 the factory had four down-draught kilns, two ponds for water supply (one of which still exists), two drying sheds measuring 30' x 150' and was preparing to add brick-making capabilities.

At that time Wiggert's son, Herman Rietveld, had been working as bookkeeper for the business and purchased a one-sixth interest in the company. Herman was to become the driving force behind the factory. Herman was an interesting character. He not only had the distinction of graduating from Central College in 1888, he was the graduating class of 1888. There was one other student who completed his coursework that year, but since he wasn't around by graduation day Herman was the sole graduate!

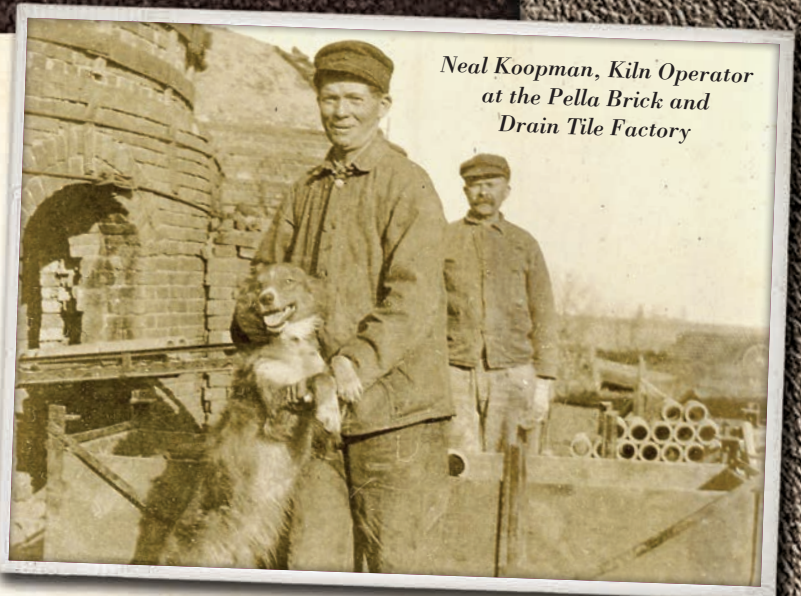
Herman was a born promoter and big-thinker. He dreamt of a bright future and a thriving Pella. The way Herman saw it - between his foresight and his product - Pella couldn't miss. And he was largely right; during his life Herman had many ups and downs, but his legacy in Pella continues 125 years later. In the years that Pella Brick and Drain Tile flourished approximately two dozen business buildings and many homes were constructed using their brick. Many of the most iconic business buildings in Pella, or "blocks" as they were known at that time, were erected either by Herman or with his product.

In 1891 the factory turned out nearly 850,000 feet of tile in diameters ranging from 3" to 12", and over 400,000 bricks. The tile was used largely to drain excess water from farm fields and the brick for the construction of buildings.

In 1892 the current Smokey Row building was one of the first buildings in Pella erected using Herman's brick. Constructing the Pella Opera House was a pet project of Herman's. Pella's original opera house, a former church building on the SE corner of Union and West First streets had burned down in 1884. For years Herman wrote letters to the editor and tried to regain interest in another opera house. It finally came to fruition in 1900 when he built the current four-story building.

The former City Hall at 717 Main Street with the familiar cement dogs out front was constructed by Herman - and for Herman - as the Citizen's National Bank. The dogs were named "Waaksaamheid", the Watcher, and "Vertrouweid" the Sleeper, signaling that between the two, the bank would be eternally vigilant and ready to protect the people's money. Other downtown buildings that used Pella Brick and Drain Tile brick include those of The Work of Our Hands; The Peanut Pub; the double buildings of Thistles; Arnold Motor Supply; the former Van Berkums Appliance store; the former Windmill Antique Mall; and the former Pella Products building.

Around 1900 Herman and Wiggert began purchasing building lots in and around South Pella for the purpose of erecting affordable



Neal Koopman, Kiln Operator
at the Pella Brick and
Drain Tile Factory

brick homes. These were constructed both to benefit his workers as well as Pella in general. Twin homes were constructed next to the factory at 222 and 228 Oskaloosa Street. Others were built on East Third Street; three of which remain at 212, 223 and 229 E. 3rd. Yet another was built at 400 Franklin Street. Still others have been lost over the years.

As mentioned, Herman was a tireless promoter and booster of both his product and his community. The factory even had a display at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. The Clay Record magazine reported from Chicago: "Pella Brick and Tile company, Pella, has a nice exhibit of tile, brick and crude clay". Herman had informative tiling pamphlets printed which he gave away free for the asking. He was a devoted believer in advertising, with ads or articles appearing constantly in Pella newspapers: The Chronicle; The Blade; The Republican; The Weekly Herald; and The Central College Ray. In later years he advertised in the Des Moines Register and Des Moines Homestead newspapers.

Herman and his father Wiggert started and operated two separate banks in Pella, they also started a bank and brick factory in Harvey, Iowa. Herman was involved in coalmines, furniture and flour retail stores, and the fledgling automobile industry. In fact he had the first automobile taxi service to Des Moines.

Herman's fortunes ebbed and flowed; not all of his business ventures were a success, particularly the banks. Herman eventually moved to Fairfield, Iowa where he raised longhorn cattle for many years, and later moved to the state of Washington where he edited a newspaper. He continued to stay in touch with Pella, writing many letters to The Chronicle over the years. Late in life Herman moved back to Knoxville, Iowa to live with a daughter where he passed away in 1959 at age 94. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

The Pella Brick and Drain Tile Company was formally dissolved in 1921. The land was later purchased in 1936 by the City of Pella where they constructed Pella's first swimming pool.

Today the legacy of the Pella Brick and Drain Tile factory, the Fisk brothers and the Rietvelds is visible in the buildings they helped erect around Pella. The fact that more than two dozen of those buildings still exist is a testament to the quality and durability of that South Pella product.

GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jennifer Van Kooten, Executive Director of Historic Pella Trust

It is our daily mission to educate and protect our historical architecture and Dutch culture for future generations to enjoy. The modern trend seems to overlook the quality materials and craftsmanship used in historic properties. Our network of dedicated members can protect these homes by establishing historic overlay zones via city ordinances. As we establish more historic districts, we can maintain the personality of the blocks without a hodgepodge of multi-residential infill or external changes that do not reflect the era of that district.

Our January planning meeting took place in the Strawtown cottage on West Washington Street. This once historic mercantile was a home we protected from demolition and started the restoration process. Following a potluck meal in this inspiring historical décor we set the goals for our 25th year of Historic Pella Trust.

The Tuttle Learning Walk fundraising was a primary goal set at our planning meeting. We need your help in bringing these plans into reality with your donations. Official plans for the walk have been completed and HPT is over half-way in securing fundraising for this project. The Tuttle Learning Walk was the featured fundraising project at the Pella Garden Club's Garden Gala luncheon. The Pella Garden Club has raised \$15,000 for the plants for the Tuttle Learning Walk.

To provide funding for preservation of additional buildings, we have decided to offer the historic Rock House at 1401 University Street for sale. This is a beautiful cottage with a lot of potential as a small home right on the bike path and close to the college. It also holds potential as an Airbnb or studio. These historic walls have experienced a century-and-a-half of Pella events; it is an inspirational home that should inspire creativity.

Sometimes a home is at risk and the best way to protect it is with a Conservation Easement. In that case we may buy and re-sell it after placing the Easement. We recently purchased the historic home at 222 Oskaloosa for this purpose. Obviously, we are not able to prevent every historically valuable home in Pella, but we do appreciate the opportunity to investigate the possibilities of preservation. If those efforts do not lead

to a favorable resolution, the next best option is to salvage the important features from the home. This helps to protect the environment by keeping useful items from the landfills and helps other preservationists with restoration supplies.

During Tulip Time, Bob and Karen Godley helped to bring history alive by representing Thomas and Nancy Tuttle both at the Tuttle Cabin and in the parades. Karen entertained guests with music from her concertina while Bob shared the Tuttle story and HPT mission with our many visitors. Joyce Spurr and Kraig VanKooten also helped at the cabin. On Friday of Tulip Time, Kirby family members portrayed the Tuttles in memory of Gail Kirby, the past owner who helped preserve the Tuttle Cabin.

We hosted Tuttle living history field trips for second grade students. Volunteers make this a memorable event for the young visitors by sharing the Tuttle story and by helping the students try planting or harvesting, laundry on a washboard and old-fashioned fun. This past May, Pella fifth graders visited Tuttle on a fact-finding mission to answer questions on Pella's history. They came seeking answers to 102 questions, such as who the first mayor was and what hardships did the settlers face. This was a great way to experience history through exploration. C.O.C. residents enjoyed some activities and left Tuttle Cabin with many smiles and stories. We featured several craftswomen during our HPT Christmas open house at Tuttle Cabin. They were Janice Cook spinning wool; Helen Boertje braiding rugs; Doris Evans doing hardanger embroidery; and Kendra Randol knitting. It was *gezelligheid* as Ron Rietveld described it! I encourage you to visit Tuttle to see the new display of photos featuring Jan Steenhoek and two generations of the Sneller family, past owners of this historic landmark.

In the past two years we have celebrated two board members receiving the Joan Kuyper Farver Spirit Award from Pella Corporation. They were nominated by their peers for being

Dody, Jennifer, Bruce and Duane at the Joan Kuyper Farver Spirit Award Ceremony



dedicated volunteers and contributing endless hours towards community projects. Duane Rempe and Bruce Boertje were the recipients for this recognition. Both designated the award from this honor to Historic Pella Trust. Thank you for supporting HPT both in time and by this gift.

Our loyal fans on Facebook now total over 3,200 followers. Many interesting conversations take place and memories shared through our social media outreach. I encourage you to "like" our page so you can see our posts. Our website (historicpellatrust.org) is visited often and many enjoy the stories on the HPT Blog page. We share the steps of the learning walk project under the heading of Current Projects. Visit this website often to stay in touch with upcoming events and interesting history. Carol Hoeksema is preparing to offer Dutch classes again this September. The classes last fall were full! Carol donates the money raised from these lessons to HPT. If interested please email or message.

I invite you to join us in celebrating our 25th year of protecting and promoting Pella's historic homes on Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm, at the Pella Opera House. We have an enjoyable evening planned for you! Thank you to all the volunteers who help at Tuttle and the members for your support and encouragement in the mission of Historic Pella Trust.

ARTICLE: BARNEY BUERKENS

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Barend "Barney" Buerkens was born in Holland in 1842 and at age 12 immigrated to America with his parents. Barney lived in Burlington, Iowa for ten years, working first as a farmhand and then learning the trade of wagon making. Upon hearing of the railroad's arrival in Pella Barney no doubt recognized a wonderful opportunity to join a Dutch-speaking community and to ply his skill as a wagon maker. With wide-open shipping markets, wagons would be in more demand than ever, and with the addition of the railroad raw materials could be easily received and finished wagons could be shipped to far-flung markets.

Upon arrival in Pella, Barney immediately went into partnership with Abraham Wisse and began operating his firm under the name B. Buerkens & Co. Barney doubled as a general blacksmith and as a wagon maker. Five years later, in 1870, B. Buerkens & Co. partnered with blacksmith and implement-maker Henry Van Maren.

Together they acquired and expanded into the Keables Furniture Factory building and formed the Pella Wagon Factory. Soon the factory had a foundry, planer, wood shop, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop and paint shop - each housed in its own building. The firm advertised a No. 1 wagon "complete with spring seat and lock" for \$85.

The factory was located at 514 Main Street, which is the current site of the El Charro Mexican Grill restaurant. The business name was changed to the Pella Manufacturing Company to better reflect the rapidly growing line of farming implements they produced. To supplement their line of wagons, Pella Manufacturing also made buggies, harrows, riding plows, cultivators (\$13 each), corn planters and stalk cutters, as well as doing custom work such as fashioning iron staircases for downtown businesses.

In 1880 Pella Manufacturing had an average full-time workforce of 42 employees: 35 men and seven "children and youth" under the age of 16. The average daily wage was \$1.00, but the most skilled craftsmen could earn up to \$2.50 per ten-hour day.

For reasons unknown Barney sold his investment in Pella Manufacturing later in 1880. He then bought a 120-acre farm and opened his own wagon shop at the southwest corner of East First and Union Streets - on the same block directly behind Pella Manufacturing. By 1883 Barney had eight employees and advertised an on-site inventory of 60 farm wagons and spring wagons.

By the later 1880s Pella Manufacturing had further expanded production to include bobsleds and cane mills, but the firm began encountering financial difficulties and ultimately went into receivership in 1889. Barney appeared to have made a shrewd move in selling his share of Pella Manufacturing in 1880. Pella Manufacturing continued to struggle for a few years until Barney made an offer to purchase the factory in 1892.

The offer was accepted the next year and Barney took over the operation of the factory, changing its name to the Buerkens Manufacturing Company. For a while Barney also continued to



operate his own Buerkens Wagon Shop on the lot east of the factory, but within a few years he combined the two businesses, dismantled his personal shop buildings and erected a large home for his family on that site.

By 1900 Buerkens Manufacturing claimed sales of 1,600 wagons per year. In 1905 Barney announced that Buerkens Manufacturing would focus primarily on the production of farm wagons. Through the years Buerkens continued building wooden wagons and extolling their virtues. Buerkens wagons were successfully sold both locally and across the Midwest. Locally they were so popular that by 1926 a Buerkens retailer was listed in different fourteen towns, each within a 20-mile radius of Pella.

Bobsleds continued to be big seasonal sellers: in 1909 a newspaper article noted sales of 21 Buerkens bobsleds in a single day. Twenty years later, long after the automobile became the prevalent method of transportation, Buerkens still reported selling 82 bobsleds by the beginning of February.

Barney was fortunate to be involved with his factory until his last days. A newspaper article in 1921 featured Barney and stated that he had been in the same manufacturing business in Pella, at the same location, for 56 years. It noted that Barney's son-in-law had taken over active management of the factory but that Barney could still be found in the shop nearly every day. In 1922, just a few months short of his 80th birthday, Barney passed away rather unexpectedly on a Tuesday night in March.

After his death Barney's son-in-law Art Ver Steeg continued to operate the factory. The business eventually came under new ownership and in 1951 it was re-incorporated as the Buerkens Corporation. On Thursday evening, March 14, 1957 the entire factory burnt to the ground in one of Pella's most spectacular fires. Flames 50 feet high, fanned by a strong northwest wind, lit up the center of town.

Firefighters from Pella, Knoxville and Oskaloosa successfully fought to prevent nearby homes and businesses from catching fire, but there was no hope for the factory as exploding barrels of paint and lacquer shot skyward and helped fuel the fire. Hundreds of people watched as 92 years of wagon making history went up in smoke in less than two hours.

Later that year Henry Vande Voort erected the Van's grocery store building on the site. That building is now home to El Charros.

TUTTLE LEARNING WALK NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION

The Historic Pella Trust has partnered with the City of Pella to build an educational walkway connecting Tuttle Cabin to Sunken Garden Park. It will be a tribute to the devoutness, courage and industriousness of our Dutch ancestors.

Along the path heritage perennials, wildflowers and native grasses will be featured. Signage will provide information on the 1843 homesteading of Thomas and Nancy Tuttle; the role Rev. Moses J. Post played in helping the Dutch locate here in 1847; the motivation of the Dutch to leave the Netherlands; and how that decision still reverberates today. Finally, as the walkway nears Sunken Garden Park the signage will share information regarding the pond and its connection to Pella's earliest Tulip Time festivals.

Historic Pella Trust is raising 100% of the funding for the Tuttle Learning Walk. We are currently half-way to our goal of \$180,000 but we need your support to achieve this vision. Please donate and watch our progress on our website at: <https://historicpellatrust.org/learning-walkway/> or send your contribution via the membership form in this newsletter.



Second grade students enjoying their field trip to the Tuttle Cabin.

Herman Rietveld
with drain tile.
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Greetings, It is my distinct pleasure to serve as the President of the Historic Pella Trust (HPT). As HPT celebrates 25 years of working to **Preserve** and **Protect** Pella I had to reflect on my path to Pella.*

I have always been drawn to architecture, design and the craftsmanship that goes into creating buildings and landscapes. I have done a fair amount of travel especially in the US and have toured many historical sites. My road to Pella has meandered throughout the United States and I have relocated 24 times. My decision to move to Iowa was motivated by my desire to live closer to my daughter and her family who are located in Otley, Iowa. Once the decision was made to move I had two requirements to live in Iowa:

- 1. Cool House - the house must make me smile and want to come home from my travels.*
- 2. Project - where I can combine my interests in architecture, design, preservation and DIY.*

*I am pleased that in Pella I am working toward completing those goals. While working on an exterior project I found a plaque attached to the house. The plaque was inscribed, "**Historical Pella Landmark**". I was told this was a designation awarded from the **Historic Pella Trust** to architecturally or culturally significant structures in Pella. I checked out the organization and discovered a group of local residents who share my interests in preservation and restoration.*

HPT at 25 years continues to be committed to preserving, documenting and sharing Pella's unique history. Members are willing to share their expertise not only on their own projects but are also actively working to preserve structures and aid in restoration of at-risk buildings.

To find out more about the Historic Pella Trust join me at our annual meeting October 10, 2019. Meeting details are included in this publication and online at Facebook and www.historicpellatrust.org

Regards, Jill Jansen

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PROTECT & PROMOTE PELLA'S HERITAGE WITH YOUR 2020 MEMBERSHIP

The Historic Pella Trust, established in 1994, is a non-profit preservation group who helps to preserve Pella's architectural resources so that future generations will continue to be enriched by the historic legacy of Pella's Dutch heritage and culture. **Mission Statement: To Protect and Promote Buildings, Landscapes, and Sites Important to the Heritage of Pella, Iowa.** We appreciate your 2020 memberships and partnership contributions for protecting the architectural resources of Pella, Iowa.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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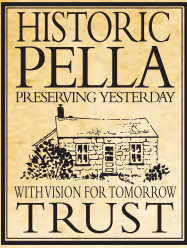
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Thursday, October 10, 2019 - 6:30 PM
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Freewill donations gratefully accepted.



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS: THE RAILROAD, MANUFACTURING, AND INDUSTRY THAT BUILT PELLA AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Please join us for our annual business review, homeowner and landmark awards, 2020 Tulip Time entry reveal, and explore South Pella in our featured program by Dave Baker.

Enjoy free 25th Anniversary cake, hors d'oeuvres, and historic displays before the meeting. Cash bar available.

For more information: <https://historicpellatrust.org/annual-heritage-meeting/>

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