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Polk County Bank Sponsors 4th Grade Class From Horizon Elementary in Johnston to see *Heroine of the Bridge*, the true tale of Iowan, Kate Shelley

Johnston, IA (September 25, 2007) –The role of education is important to Polk County Bank. “Giving children the opportunity to grow through educational programs is important to the community. Today school funding for programs like *History Through the ARTS*, a live performance at the State Historical Museum could be in jeopardy without assistance in funding. Deciding that we could enhance the lives of a 4th grade class from Horizons Elementary was an easy decision to make,” said Mary Miller, Vice President of Customer Service for Polk County Bank.

Polk County Bank’s commitment to education is evident in the culture of the bank. “To be the bank where we contribute to the betterment of the community through participation and leadership is a vital part of our mission,” said Robert J. Miller, Chairman, CEO, and President of Polk County Bank.

Heroine of the Bridge, the November offering of the *History Through the Arts* museum theater program has performances scheduled for November 13-15. *Heroine* tells the true tale of Kate Shelley, a young Irish girl from Boone, Iowa, who risked her life to warn an approaching train that a storm had washed out the bridge ahead and all would perish if they tried to cross. Students will be asked onstage to provide sound effects for the booming thunder and the voices of the animals. Workshops will extend the experience of Kate Shelley by teaching Irish dancing, storytelling, songwriting and bridge building. Guests may include a meteorologist discussing storms, an architect demonstrating the art of bridge building, and a railroad engineer telling about trains from that time period.

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