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APRONS AWAY: WOMEN'S WORK ON THE MOTHER ROAD COMES TO THE PONTIAC EAGLE TO CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 66 HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Aprons Away: Women's Work on the Mother Road, a new stage play by Route 66 author-historian Cheryl Eichar Jett, will be presented in two performances Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac, Illinois. The Route 66 Association of Illinois, along with Pontiac Tourism, is sponsoring the event to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac. "It's the perfect partnership," Liz Vincent, Eagle Facility Manager said, "We're excited to bring this show to Pontiac to commemorate the opening 15 years ago of the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum."

Aprons Away tells the stories of the work, careers, and contributions of women along the most famous highway in the world. Narrative monologues performed by an ensemble cast tell a new version of the Route 66 story you'll never forget. Vintage photos on the big screen provide the backgrounds for entrepreneurs, designers, restaurant and motel operators, and other notable women. Read more about the play and its cast at www.ApronsAwayOnRoute66.com. The all-female cast features actors from Pontiac as well as from the Metro St. Louis area, with Jett directing the production.

The newly-renovated Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center first opened in December 1939 as a movie house. Its first film showing was *The Wizard of Oz*. After many successful years as a movie theater, it was home to an indoor paintball range as well as an indoor skateboard park. When the City of Pontiac purchased the building, they accepted proposals for what to do with it. A local theatre troupe proposed the idea of a dinner theatre, and the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center was born!

There is no admission charge, but reservations are required. Reserve your ticket(s) at www.PontiacEagle.com or call (815) 844-1187.