



# The Pony Express

The Big Creek Historical Society

Flash Back - 34 Years Ago - June 1976

## The Polk City Korny Kickers

The Polk City Korny Kickers, a local square dance group of youngsters ranging in the age from 9-19 entertained the residents at Polk City Manor along with twenty one guests from Woodward. This group has been dancing together for approximately one and one half years. Reprinted from the June 24, 1976 edition of the Big Creek News.



**Front row:** Bryan Ellis, Jeff Van Houton, Scott Fulkerson, Paul Leonard, Brett Harvey, Alan Duminy and Jerry Coe.

**Middle row:** Cindy Burt, Lori Stilwell, Kelly Johnson, Robin Deason, Molly Byrnes, Robin Bass and Scott Easter.

**Back row:** Leona Bass, Billy Bass, Mike Fulkerson, Lori Bales, Ann Byrnes, Kim Bates, Billie Van Houton and Don Lauderville, caller



## Largest Stone in Polk City Cemetery



About eight feet tall with a ten foot base weighing several tons, the GRAEBER stone was placed sometime in the early 1900's. It was shipped to Polk City by train in three pieces. A reinforced wagon, pulled by Pete Harmon's steam engine, was used to haul it

to the cemetery. The bridge over Big Creek needed reinforcement to support the wagon. The wagon broke down and was repaired during the trip. Pulling the wagon up the incline into the cemetery proved to be a herculean task even with the power of Mr. Harmon's steam engine.

Like to Help?

Now that the Big Creek Historical Society has completed the restoration of historic City Hall our focus has turned towards maintaining and promoting the facility. We can best do that by effectively organizing our group which will require membership involvement and the recruiting of participation from the community. The following committees have been identified to achieve the goals; Collections ( to review all items to ensure they satisfy the collection policy), Public Relations ( the promotion of the museum through the media, web site and newsletter), Facilities and Historical Sites (managing the rental of Miler Hall/Museum), Programming/Tours (create/solicit programming for the museum), Membership (oversee the recruitment of new members to the Big Creek Historical Society), Fund Raising (establish fund raisers) and Open House (managing the staffing of the museum open house schedule). If you would like to get involved with any of these committees, we can use your help. Contact any member or contact us through our web site—[www.polkcithistory.org](http://www.polkcithistory.org). You can help us in making the museum the best in northern Polk County.

Miller Hall Treated by School Bands

The fourth and fifth grades of NP West Elementary bands directed by music teacher Elaine Menke performed in Miller Hall during the annual Polk City Lighting of the Square celebration. The kids were great! They performed to a packed house. Thanks to Elaine Menke for bringing her students to Miller Hall.

About the Big Creek Historical Society

This publication is published by the Big Creek Historical Society located in the historic city hall building at 112 3rd Street in Polk City .

The museum is open to the public on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1-3 PM. Arrangements may be made for tours of the museum by contacting the Big Creek Historical Society.

Organization meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. April through October at 6:30 PM. November through March at 1:30 PM — Public Welcome  
You can contact the Big Creek Historical Society at their web site ...

[www.polkcithistory.org](http://www.polkcithistory.org).

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