



The Pony Express

The Big Creek Historical Society

Flash Back - 34 years ago - 1978



Shown is "Miss Fire Fighter" and her attendants, named Friday evening by the judges. From left to right are Lisa Ewing, Jennifer Smith, Jackie Conkel who were attendants; Pam Downs was crowned "Miss Fire Fighter" by Fire Chief Harold Derickson and MC of the program Pat Morton. *Reprinted from Sept. 14, 1978 Big Creek News*

residents on a voluntary basis. The use of the library has shown very rapid growth and is especially popular during the summer months, she said...She is very proud of the facilities and the growth it has made during the past three years. Mrs. Myers lives near Madrid and keeps the Library open three days a week and puts in a total of 10 hours during those days...From the middle of June to the Middle of August, they have special programs. They have reading contest for children, also, they have them guess the number of beans, etc. in the cookie jar and they gave prizes to the winner each week. During July of this year, Mrs. Myers reports the largest daily circulation was 76 and the smallest day was 22...Sally says that each month from now on she will be making a monthly report to the City Council...The library is located in Miller Park. *Reprinted from October 12, 1978 Big Creek News*

P.C. Library Becoming a Very Popular Place



Mrs. Dale (Sally) Myers (pictured) was hired as librarian of the Polk City Library in June 1975. Prior to that time she said, the library was ran by local

New Officers and Board Member

Officers and new Board Member for 2012

- New Board Member - Pam Witt
- President—Rosemary Hutton-Taylor
- Vice. President—Lance Leonard
- Treasurer—Genevieve Lillskau
- Secretary- Roberta Brown

M e m o r i a l

The Big Creek Historical Society has received nearly \$2000 in memorials in memory of Wilbur and Timmy Miller. Our group gratefully appreciated the support it received from Wilbur and Timmy and now from their loving friends.

Polk City 4-H Boys Club

"Livestock Feeding" was the topic of the Polk City 4-H Boys November meeting, held at the Toussaint home. Six new members were enrolled in our club. They are Ronald Beighler, Buddy Crabtree, Darryl Johnson, Donald Sutter, Eddy and Jimmy Toussaint. We now have 12 members in our club. A report on "My trip to

All-American Junior Jersey Exposition" at Columbus Ohio was given by Gary Armann. This was an all expense paid trip sponsored by the Iowa Jersey Cattle Club. Our next meeting will be a Christmas party with the Sheldahl boys. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toussaint, Jimmie and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Armann and Gary, Donnie Sutter and Tommy Sheldahl attended the Polk County

4-H Banquet at Meredith Publishing Co., Nov. 6th.

Article reprinted from the November 25, 1948 'Polk City Citizen' newspaper.

Welcome to New Member

Clifford Leonard

*There is always room for more members.
Get involved in a great organization.*

Museum Activity**Museum gets Player Piano**

Polk City resident Bill Kerrigan donated a player piano from his childhood home in Ohio. The piano reportedly once entertained patrons in a speakeasy. If only objects could talk. A crane (pictured left) was needed to lift the piano into the

upstairs of the museum. The piano was placed on the Cox Stage and is a wonderful addition to the museum.

2011 Lighting of Square

Polk City once again enjoyed the music of the West Elementary bands in Miller Hall during the Lighting of the Square celebration.

The bands played to a full house. It has become a wonderful tradition for Miller Hall.

Collection Committee

The collection committee continues to work through the items in the museum. There are few better ways to familiar yourself with Polk City history. If you would like to help, contact us.

**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. We welcome organizations to use Miller Hall and the museum.

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.polkcityhistory.org or call Rose Hutton-Taylor -984-6653