

**THE COUNTY CHRONICLER**  
**Polk County Historical Society**

**September 2008**

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**MUSEUM OPEN WEEKENDS IN SEPTEMBER 12 noon – 4 p.m.**



**Lake Wapogasset Park**

**POT LUCK PICNIC**  
Tuesday, September 23, 6 p.m.

Bring your own utensils  
and dish to share.

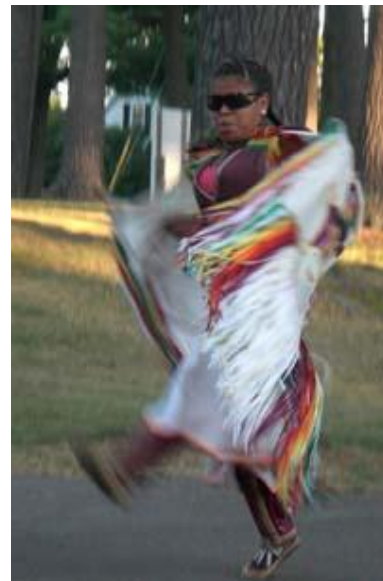
JoAnn Hallquist will share some  
history and artifacts of the recently  
renovated Garfield Park

**“We now have the best park on the  
best lake in the best county in the  
best state in the best country in the  
world.”** B.S. Isaacson, Chairman,  
Garfield Town Board, speaking at the  
June 16, 1925, picnic held on the  
grounds of the newly acquired public  
park at the outlet of Lake Wapogasset.

Board meeting 5 p.m.

**ST. CROIX OJIBWE TRAILS  
YOUTH DANCE TROUPE**

Enjoyed by all!



## **GRAND OPENING FOR LUCK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

**September 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The Luck Historical Museum is now open for business! If you have driven by Third and Main in Luck recently, you have probably noticed changes to the new Library and Museum building. Last week volunteers finished landscaping around the building; yesterday library furniture was delivered and assembled, and today asphalt for the parking lot behind the building will be laid. The “grand opening” will be on Saturday, September 13.

The Historical Museum has actually been open three days a week since Lucky Days when about 400 visitors walked through the building for the first time. While work on museum exhibits is still very much in progress, present exhibits include “Paths of the People” relating Ojibwe history, on loan from the Chippewa Valley Museum. Also in place are displays of antique tools, Duncan Yo-yos and memorabilia. Main Street history, the Ice Age Trail, and many historic pictures and artifacts of the Luck Area.

The museum will remain open through the month of September three days a week. On Fridays the hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 13 is the grand opening of the new building; on this day, the museum will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Following September, the museum will be open for special programs or by appointment. Call Chuck Adleman at 472-4378 if you have questions.



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## THE INTER-COUNTY COOPERATIVE PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION 75 YEARS - 1933-2008

The first and memorable meeting of the meeting of the stockholders of the Inter-County Cooperative Publishing Association was held in Centuria on October 9, 1933. There was a limited amount of capital, but faith unlimited. The articles of incorporation were adopted without difficulty, and the committee of seven who had done the spade work in organizing the paper project were chosen the first board of directors. They were: J.W. Hanson, Luck, president; Herb A. Mittelsdorf, Farmington, vice president; Chas Eckels, Wolf Creek, secretary; Olof A. Bloom, Osceola; Carl Linden, Burnett County; Amil Marlee, Apple River; P. Th Peterson, Johnson.

A small frame building on the south side of Main Street was rented; the printing shop was on the main floor, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bye (editor) and the boys lived upstairs. There were crowded days both in time and space. Thrilling, too. But the Leader was launched, subscription per year \$1. The first issue, 16 pages, rolled off the press Thursday, Nov. 2, 1933, Bennie Bye writing "All right, folks, here is the first issue of the long-talked-of, long-heralded cooperative newspaper serving Polk and neighboring counties."

The editorial page declared: The Leader owes its birth to the burning conviction that the people need a voice. It aims to provide this expression. It seeks to be a well of common strength in these troublesome times. The Inter-county Leader has one main purpose. This is to publish fully the FACTS and NEWS which concern the welfare of the people of Polk, Burnett, Barron, and St. Croix counties. The Leader does not represent any one section or class. It will not further the interests of any one group. It is founded on the principle that the welfare of one is the welfare of all. Its success, if it succeeds, is yours. Likewise, its failure, if it fails, is yours."



From Polk County Centennial Edition,  
March 1954

### **The board of directors of the Inter-County Cooperative Publishing Association**

Seated are: Herb Mittelsdorf of Farmington; J.W. Hanson, president, Bone Lake; and Carl Linden, Grantsburg; standing: Harry Hallquist, Paul Bosley, Fred Weis, and Arnold Biederman.



## HAVE YOU SEEN THESE DISPLAYS?



Insurance Office



Darrell Kittleson and Dick Clark combined their collections of gun shells to make a great addition to our hunting display. A great museum consists of the work like this.

Thanks, Dick and Darrell



W.W. Winchester



Kitchen



St.Croix Falls Addressograph

## PHOTO REVIEW



Jean Anderson's first time at the museum's new computer



August 26 Pine Park picnic  
A beautiful evening!



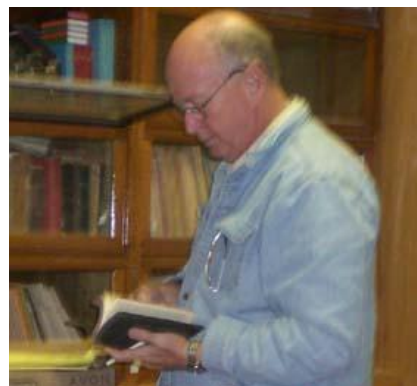
Martha & Marilyn – super workers!



The dancers were great!



Fair committee met research room.



Tim Erickson surveys our library.



Perhaps the oldest record book of Polk County is now in the fireproof file cabinet at the Polk County museum. Here is the second page of this very valuable book.

State of Wisconsin } ss  
Polk County }  
A record of the  
County Clerk's Office in said County  
for the year 1855 and recorded in  
the manner following and under the fol-  
lowing appropriate heading and I know  
the virtue of the Statute in such case  
made and provided under my Order of  
County Board of Supervisors

Date	Amount	To Whom	Amount of Cash
1855 December 26, 1855	10	Johnman Family	Paid 2..10
" 2	2	Moses Haskins	1..62 Pa
" 3	3	Thomas Foster	1..56 Pa
" 4	4	Leatha Ayers	Paid 1..65
" 5	5	Isaac Hale	1..62 Pa
" 6	6	James B. Wright	Paid 1..62
" 7	7	Henry Thetler	Paid 1..65
" 8	8	Benjamin F. Hill	Paid 1..56
" 9	9	Wm H. Hill	Paid 1..56
" 10	10	Charles S. Toa	Paid 1..62
" 11	11	Samuel A. Cook	Paid 1..62
" 12	12	Olanson Thompson	Paid 1..56
" 13	13	Robert F. Hill	Paid 3..00
" 14	14	John Kent	Paid 3..06
" 15	15	Thomas A. Kent	Paid 3..06
" 16	16	Terence Dingley	Paid 3..06 Pa
" 17	17	E. V. Taylor	Paid 3..06
" 18	18	Robert Kent	Paid 3..06
" 19	19	Charles Ayers	Paid 3..06
" 20	20	Henry Bopp	Paid 3..15
" 21	21	Marlene Brachler	Paid 3..06

State of  
Wisconsin  
Polk County  
A record of the  
said county of the  
year A.D. 1855  
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the manner  
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know the virtue  
of the statements  
in such case made  
and provided by  
order of County  
of  
Superintendents

Some of the names on  
this page:

Jewel	\$2.10
Foster	\$1.56
Dyers	\$1.56
Ayers	\$1.68
Hale	\$1.62

**The members and friends continue to make our society a success with their gifts.**

The following gave toward the dance at the Tac:

**Financial Gifts**

David Johnson  
 Ruby Hansen  
 Marge Hallquist  
 Bremmer Bank  
 Helen Stoltz-Wood

**Radio Time**

New Richmond

**Toward Drawing**

Hinckley Casino  
 Green Bay Packers  
 Twins  
 Brewers  
 St. Croix Casino  
 Village Hair Care

**Baskets for  
 Silent Auction**

Joyce Bergstrand  
 Greg Marsten  
 Helen Stoltz-Wood  
 Rosalie Kittleson  
 Muriel Pfeifer

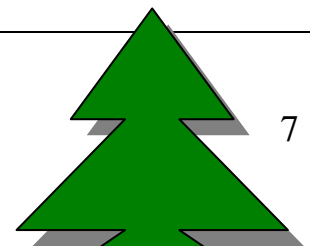
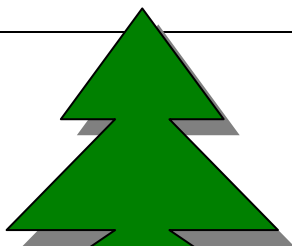
**Polk Burnett Round-Up** and **Amery United Way** gave toward the new lighting that will go in the Military and Native American Rooms.

Marge and JoAnn Hallquist gave in memory of Tom Kaiser.

The elevator was put to use August 8<sup>th</sup> when seventeen developmentally challenged adults and their care givers visited the museum. We were happy to accommodate them.

**Timothy Erickson**, author and historian, has agreed to assist us in planning our research room and storage. Tim edited our *Recollections of 1876 POLK COUNTY'S FIRST WRITTEN HISTORY*.

**OCTOBER TEA**



**ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF BOARD**

**OCTOBER 28, 7 P.M.**

**POLK COUNTY MUSEUM TEA ROOM  
(FIRST FLOOR in ADDITION)**

**BOARD MEETING 6 P.M.**

Director's Report,

September 5, 2008—our ninth month, can you believe we are almost through 2008. The attendance has been steady since Memorial Day, and the Labor Day Open House was awesome and well attended. It was delightful to watch the visitors enjoying the new addition; the use of the elevator, and the front lawn for lemonade and cookies while socializing with friends and enjoying a warm southern breeze. The attendance this year has been about the same numbers as last year; 1500 which includes our school tours.

The fair attendance with the East Farmington School was again a wonderful success of 2,000-plus visitors inside the school house and the number of people that stopped outside to see the antique cars, tractors and many other items was great. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE!

Among the August visitors were the Polk County Development Center workers. We were pleased to have the handicap entrance with the elevator to serve those who were in wheel chairs. We are looking forward to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home senior resident visit this month. This is so exciting—it's just a beginning for a new group of visitors to be able to see the rich Polk County history preserved at the museum.

The exterior painting of the windows and tower has begun and will be finished this month. The museum and addition will be very presentable for our 2009 dedication and 2009 Northwest District Convention next year. I want to thank all my volunteers for a year of many accomplishments; also the Polk County Genealogy Society for their help with moving items into our new research room; Russ & Margo Hanson for their hard work at the County Fair to sharing the East Farmington School House with displays of participating societies for our fair visitors; and Ruby Hanson for her delicious and famous cookies for several of our benefits.



Director,

Rosalie

**Polk County Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting July 22, 2008**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Ralph LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:35.

All directors were present except Dorene Hendrickson and Darrell Kittleson.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as printed in the newsletter on a Greg/Carl motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved on a Greg/Carl motion.

**Director's Report:** Given by Rosalie Kittleson. We have received a \$285 memorial for Manfred G "Ben" Davidson, and a \$300 United Way Grant for new lights.

President Darrell arrived after the reports and conducted the rest of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fest Summary:**

There were plenty of cookies. Brats were sold both Sat. and Sun. Next year we need to have more water. Thanks to Jensens for providing their Pierce Arrow that carried Rosalie, Darrell, and Ruby Hansen. It looked great with the flag attached to the back of the car.

**Fair Building Displays:**

The DVD of the museum will be shown on a TV at the Farmington School. The Festival Theater would like to have a display at the school; a Joyce/Patricia motion was approved requesting that they provide someone to man their display.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> Dance:**

A Muriel/Greg motion was approved to spend up to \$400 for advertisements.

Greg Marsten is in charge of the auction which will be theme baskets this year. Helen, Muriel, Rosalie, Joyce, and Greg said they would donate one. Call Greg @472-8465 with questions.

**Building Update:**

Walk through was done July 16<sup>th</sup>; work will be completed by end of this week.

**New Business**

**State Convention:** Darrell and Rosalie have been encouraged to attend. A decision on how much funding to provide was tabled until August meeting.

**Museum Hours and Newsletters for 2009:**

A Patricia/Muriel motion was approved to change to a quarterly newsletter. Judy would like to be relieved of the newsletter responsibilities but will continue doing them for now.

Discussion about being closed for part of the week was carried forward to the August meeting

**Open House:**

The Open House will be held August 30- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> during "Corn on the Curb" Days.

Workers will be needed to get everything cleaned and ready.

**Dedication:**

Our official dedication will be on Memorial Day in 2009. Invitations will be sent to dignitaries. The addition will be known as the "Marian Park Deaver Annex" and a plaque will be placed on an inside wall. The elevator will be named in honor of Willis Erickson.

**Setter Family Cutter:**

This is the cutter that is sitting outside; it is not in the ascension book and someone wants to purchase it for restoration. There is one in the museum and no room for this second one. Lilly Setter has given permission to sell the cutter and she will be asked to sign a release form. A Joyce/Muriel motion to sell it for \$700 after the Society receives a signed release form was approved. Proceeds will be recognized as a donation from the Oscar Setter Family.

**Adjournment** was at 7:00 on a Muriel/Larry motion.

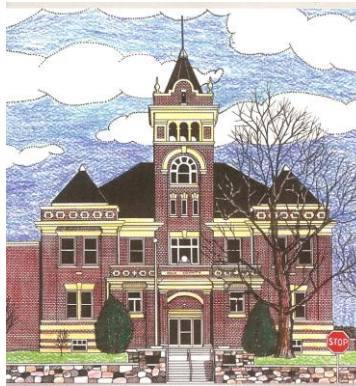
Our next meeting on **August 26th** will be at Pine Park in Balsam Lake at **5:00. (Please note time change.)** The potluck picnic will be at 6:00. Chief Dan Mosay will be our speaker and he will present Native Dancers and Drummers. We will be passing the hat to help cover their expenses.

Submitted by Patty Young, Sec.

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<http://www.PolkCountyMuseum.com>

I would like to become a member of  
the Polk County Historical Society:

Lifetime ..... \$100  
Yearly ..... \$15  
Students ..... \$2

Name .....  
Street .....  
City.....  
State & Zip .....  
E-mail.....

Mail to:     Rosalie Kittleson  
               Box 41  
               Balsam Lake, WI 54810