



# Talmage Historical Society

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### Calendar

Sept 20, 2020  
*All School*

#### *Reunion Cancelled*

Because of ongoing restrictions created by the Covid 19 Virus, the Talmage All School Reunion will not be hosted for the first time in decades.

#### *Books continue to be delivered to Talmage Library*

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, no not even a virus stops Manhattan Public Library from delivering a load of new books for readers to enjoy.

The books are delivered every other month, most recently August 14, and they will bring more in October. Call 785/643-9126 for a checkout time.

### In Memoriam

**Galen D. Kubin**

10-11-27 5-24-2020

**Marvin L. Zeigler**

9-16-29 4-06-2020

**Raymond L. Woods**

1-31-44 7-14-2020

**Reed Hoffman**

9-06-22 7-24-2020

**Ruth Foster**

12-04-33 8-04-2020

**Nancy Thompson**

12-24-35 8-12-2020

### *1970 Talmage Eighth Grade Class*



**Talmage 1970 Eighth Graders: Back Row, l to r, Fern Tasker, Joyce Engle, Gayle Kubin, Lynette Barclay, Chris Enger, Deann Zook; Middle Row, Myron Lady, Roy Haymond, Mark Wuthnow, Rylan Bebermeyer; Front Row, Leslie Haymond, Terry Lake, Randy Travelute, Leon Zook, and Mr. Shorman.**

### **Covid 19 leads to cancellation of All School Reunion**

For the first time in many years there will not be a Talmage Alumni Reunion. COVID 19 has brought almost all celebrations to a halt. One of the casualties was the reunion of the class of 1970 eighth graders. In 1970, 14 students went to Chapman for their graduation. The students and their current

location: Lynette Barclay (deceased); Rylan Bebermeyer (Davenport, IA); Christine Enger (Abilene, KS); Joyce Engle (Jupiter, FL); Sally Hammond (Morganville, KS); Leslie Haymond (deceased); Roy Haymond (Yucca, AZ); Gayle Kubin (Wakarusa, KS); Terry Lake (Talmage, KS);

Randi Travelute (Abilene, KS); Ferne Tasker (Scranton, KS); Mark Wuthnow (Niles, MI); Deanna Zook (Algonquin, IL); Leon Zook (Wellsville, KS). Also there were three members of this class who either moved away or graduated from somewhere else:  
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*Sometimes it takes a village...*

## Basketball goals installed at park

*By Verl Coup*

For some time now the community has recognized the fact that the basketball goals in the park needed replacing. The old goals were installed in the 1960s, we think.

Two were metal backboards and 2 were steel. One was completely gone and the other three were in bad shape.

The Community Foundation of Dickinson County offered grants for youth activities, and Jennifer Smidt and I checked the internet and found goals that we thought would work. The goals were priced between \$400 and \$500. We knew that shipping would be extra, so we submitted a request for a grant of \$2000.

On April 1, we were selected by the foundation for the entire amount. Covid-19 hit, and we had problems finding anyone with four goals in their inventory. We finally purchased the goals at Academy Sports.

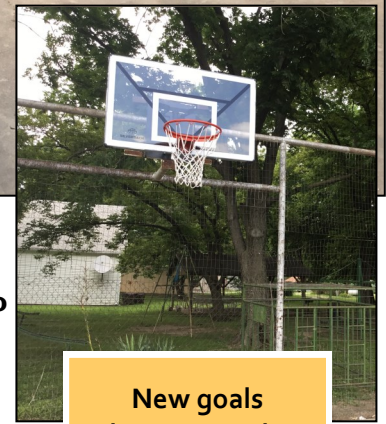
On June 4th the goals arrived and with the help of Mid Kansas Cooperative fork lift, we took them to Jim Collin's welding shop. With Jim's help, the goals were assembled and ready to be installed, but first the old goals had to be taken down.

When the old goals were installed, two of the goals were welded in place and one of the goals had to be completely burned off with a welder.

With the help of Russ Irvine and his tractor, Jim Collins, Larry Coup, Josiah Gilley, and Randall Bathurst, the goals were finally installed. The youth of our community were soon shooting baskets. The Talmage Community can now be proud of their park and basketball courts.



New goals are installed!



New goals improve park!

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**Local youth are enjoying the new basketball goals installed at the Talmage park, thanks to locals including Randall Bathurst, Jim Collins, Larry Coup, Verl Coup, and Josiah Gilley, and Russ Irvine.**

### ***Did You Know?***

**By Kathy Marsteller Coup**

The bridge south of Talmage on Fair Road, which passes over Mudd Creek, will be repaired beginning September 14, and Fair Road will be closed to through traffic from 2700 Ave to 2800 Ave for four months.



*Reaching a milestone...*

## *Huitt land recognized as a Century Farm*

**By Paula and Amy Sue Manley**

While the Huitt Farm has attained centennial status, it was actually owned by the family prior to Miles Huitt. David and Maryett Matteson bought two parcels, the first in 1877 from Ambrose Langstone and the second in 1879 from H.B. Hill to create the 160 acre farm.

The Mattesons sold the farm in 1883 to Adam Saylor, and David Matteson went on to become the mayor of Abilene in 1890 for three terms.

Miles married Myrtle Maryett Laney August 29, 1906. Myrtle was the granddaughter of David and Maryett Matteson. Miles and Myrtle Huitt bought the 160 acre farm June 11, 1919 from Adam Saylor for \$202.50 per acre.

Adam Saylor built the farmhouse that Miles, Myrtle, and their son Dena lived in. The farmhouse and barn still stand today, but were sold in 1986. Miles' second wife Jewel lived on the farm until she moved into Abilene in 1986.

Paula Huitt Manley is the current owner of the farm and she remembers visiting the farm through the years. Her favorite farm memories include spending time on the farm in summer, riding the tractor during harvest time, and helping her grandparents on the farm.

She used to carry lunch out to her Grandfather Miles when he was working on the farm. They also used to lay out a big spread at lunchtime for the team who came to help with the harvest.

Paula remembers the man from the creamery picking up the milk, and the egg man picking up the eggs. She also



enjoyed playing with Linda Chase and roaming around on the farm.

Paula's daughter Amy Sue Manley remembers staying at the farmhouse in summer and playing on the farm with the farm dog, Curly.



Paula Manley, Amy Sue Manley, and Curly the dog enjoyed time on the Huitt farm.



# *Giving Back to the Community...*

## **Detrich Trust gifts funds to Historical Society**

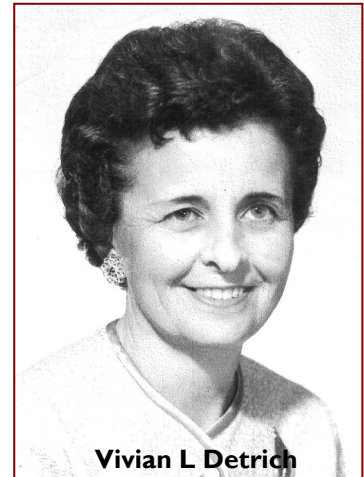
**By Verl Coup**

On May 1, 2020, the Talmage Historical Society was notified via certified mail that the society was part of the Vivian L. Detrich Family Trust. Vivian Koelling Gormley Detrich grew up in the Talmage community and was a graduate of Talmage High School. Vivian owned and operated "Viv's Café" in Talmage and later was the

Treasurer of Dickinson County. Vivian was always fond of her connection with Talmage and with this gift her legacy will live on.

This is a great way to give back to your community.

Theodore Roosevelt said it best: **What a man does for himself dies with him; what he does for his community lives long after he is gone."**



## **Thanks for your support during this difficult time**

**By Shawni Britt Sheets**

The Talmage Library & Event Center Board of Directors appreciates the support you have given us in the past as we strive to serve the agricultural community of northern Dickinson County. Your donations help us pay our basic utilities as we navigate the coming months and recover from the Covid-19 shutdown.

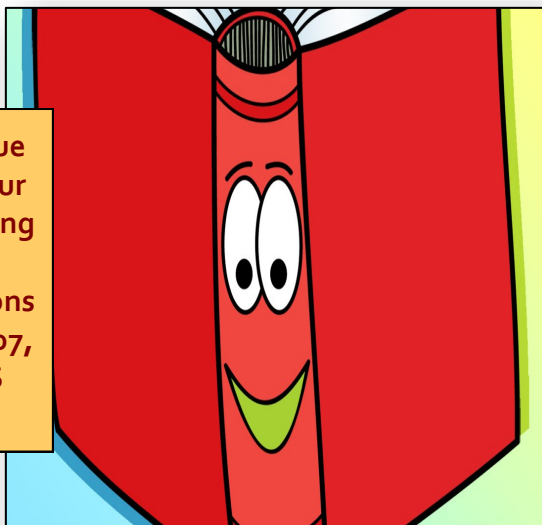
Our basic utilities are usually covered by donations we receive from families and groups who reserve our space for gatherings, meetings, and events. Because of the shutdown, we have not been able to offer our space and have not received the usual assistance with operating funds.

To further complicate our situation, many of the

donations we normally receive were devoted to the Annual Community Foundation of Dickinson County Donation Day. Growing our library endowment fund is essential and important to our goal of covering all basic expenses without depending on donations in the near future, but because our effort in that area came shortly before we were shut down due to the pandemic, we are short of funds.

We maintain and operate a large building on approximately \$500 per month, which includes electric, propane, water, and internet. We are conservative stewards of our resources and are much more than a library, offering a place for leisure activities for the young and the young at heart. To put it succinctly, we are important to the community and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Help continue the care of our school building by sending your donations to PO Box 807, Talmage, KS 67482.



## **Class of 1970** (Cont. from Page 1)

Larry Griffiths (Topeka, KS); Wyatt Thompson (Manhattan, KS); Teresa Mikesell (Charlotte, SC) Sally Hammond is not pictured as she was sick that day.

Any additions or corrections will be appreciated. Please send information to Barbara Wuthnow, 634 3600 AVE, Manchester, KS 67410.