

# Talmage Historical Society *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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## Calendar

Monday, May 30  
*Annual Memorial Day Tribute*  
Noon-4 p.m.  
*Prairiedale Cemetery*  
*Talmage Museum*

Monday, May 30  
*Museum open for visitors and their families who are home for Memorial Day.*

Friday, March 11  
*Talmage Seniors meet for a potluck on the second Friday of every month.*

Memorial Weekend  
*Look for news about this year's Memorial Weekend events in the May newsletter.*

## In Memoriam

Curtis Coup  
5/30/1946-12/10/2015  
Wanda Parsons  
Delahoy  
3/04/1952-1/13/2016  
Ralph Snyder  
12/01/1918-1/23/2016  
Avis Viola  
11/26/1920-12/06/2015

## *Thank you to our volunteers!*

Talmage Museum and Library volunteers and their spouses enjoyed a dinner catered by Verl and Kathy Coup at the Talmage Community Center on January 28.

Lots of local history and stories were told around the table, some true and some embellished.

If you would like to volunteer, please call 785/388-2089 and leave your name and phone number.



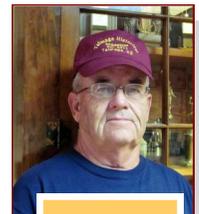
**Volunteers Barbara Wuthnow, Lois Christensen, Kathy Coup, Verl Coup, Russell Irvine, Diana Irvine, Gary Yocum, Jan Yocum, Bill Meyer, and Marianne Meyer enjoy a catered meal. Not shown are Pat Bowell, and Shawni and John Sheets.**

## *Talking History with Verl Coup...*

I want to thank everyone for being so kind and considerate when my brother, Curtis, passed away in December. All of the calls, cards, and visits were greatly appreciated.

We had many visitors (Kuntz's, Murl Garver, Dale Holt) and others who have contributed items during January for the museum. Thank you so very much.

Also, many of you have told me that I should be writing down some of my stories, so you will find one of them on page three of this newsletter. The story of my life as a newspaper boy is one of many to come.



Verl Coup



This beautiful porcelain pottery collection, displayed in the THS kitchen, was donated by Alberta Noel.

## Let's Make History...

By **Pat Gormley Bowell**

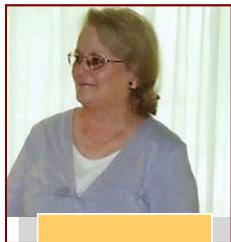
There's been no down time at the museum this winter.

The Christmas Open House on December 13<sup>th</sup>, was a great success. Close to 50 persons

attended and enjoyed the trio of Shonna Nely, Lois Christensen, and Karen Travelute singing great Christmas carols and fun songs to everyone's delight. I'm pretty sure they have a date with the museum for next Christmas to do it again.

In January, a large and wonderful selection of all things kitchen and baking were given to the museum by Alberta and Loren Noel. Bonnie Funk and Shawni Sheets also added kitchen utensil donations during the last year or two, and all of these items are something to see.

Verl spent most of January arranging the display, and I encourage you to come by and see utensils your mother and grandmother used in their lives every day. Honestly, there are a few utensils that we can not identify, and are hoping you tell us how they may have been used. The collection is appropriately displayed wall to wall in the kitchenette at the museum. Stop by and see it.



Pat Gormley Bowell

## *Letters from our readers*

Dear Talmage Friends:

Just a note to wish all of you the meanings of Christmas. Missed seeing you in 2015. Too many sad things in my family, as well as sickness. Barbara had two operations, and the usual with me, not getting any younger (88 years) and too many miles in the distance. We're both feeling better. I'll never forget all of the old times.

Sincerely,  
Don Shorman

Thank you for the CD; pretty nice! The best to all in 2016. Hope to get out to see the records you have collected on the Wallaces, Drakes, and Britts, and any we may not have.

Sincerely,  
Ernest and Marjorie Gerbaz

Thanks for the great newsletter and keep up the good work.  
Lynn Cumer

We appreciate the work you do and keeping of the museum!  
Best wishes,  
Esther and Kenneth Minter

## *Did You Know?*

By **Kathy Marsteller Coup**

**In the 1930's, Arch Cary ran a store in Talmage. He married Carrie Saylor in 1924, and changed her name to Carrie Cary.**



*Life in the 1950s and 60s...*

## *My days as a Topeka Capital newspaper boy*

**By Verl Coup**

In the summer of 1956, Paul Funston, who would soon be entering high school, approached me about taking over his Topeka Capital newspaper route. His supervisor, Wm. "Bill" Flood, came and convinced me to take the job.

I was to be at the Talmage Post Office at 6:30 a.m. six days a week to pick up the papers. The Postmaster at that time was Clare Knerr.

On Sunday the newspapers were delivered to our home. As I left the post office, I walked a block west to Ross and Flora Harden's place (Larry & Sadie Irvine live there now).

I then retraced my footsteps back to Main Street and a half block further east to the John & Lou Book house (the house was burnt, then torn down and is no longer there).

Next, I went to the Central telephone office (which is gone) where my Aunt Iva Coup or Lou Book would invite me in to warm up on cold days, sometimes with a cookie or two.

I also went across the street to Bud McVicker's (the house is now vacant), and I then went around the corner and walked a block East to the Paul Gormley place (Joyce Cramer's now).

Earl & Mary Herman's house next door to Gormley's was next (Kathy and I live there now).

The Walter & Marie Keckler's house was next on the route, a half block south (Sharon's Cramer's).

I then went down the alley, south, to Ralph & Leta Funston's place (the Bank's house).

From there I went to Clare & Anna Knerr's, just southwest from the church (the Fischers live there now).

Next was Anna & Elsie Jones home at the far southeast part of town (Feeney's home now), then a block west to Kim & Zella Marston's (the Saylor



place). My last stop was across the street from the gas station where Clara Graves and her husband lived (Rex & Lori Craig's). Crossing the street, west, to where my family lived, I always walked regardless of the weather.

One year, Mr. Flood bought me a toy helicopter for Christmas, and I was on top of the world. I passed my route to my brother Curtis when I went to high school.

***If you have a story to share  
with our readers about days  
gone by in the Talmage or  
surrounding communities,  
please e-mail [thsoc@live.com](mailto:thsoc@live.com)***

***or  
mail them to  
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***Around Town...***

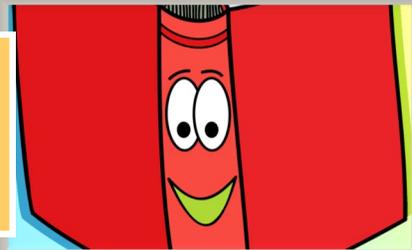
*Events and Reunions bring community together...*

Whether events to honor former teachers and veterans, open houses, or school reunions, all Talmage community events bring area family and friends together.

Some recent events included the Sixth Annual Christmas Open House and a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Talmage Senior Center.

If you have a picture to share or a date to include in the front page calendar of this newsletter, e-mail them to shawnisheets@gmail.com so we can include it in one of our upcoming newsletters.

NCKLS will deliver new books Tuesday, February 16, so visit the library!



Gordon and DeAnn Strunk enjoy our holiday Open House.



Shonna Neeley, Lois Christensen, and Karen Travelute sang Christmas songs at the Sixth Annual Christmas Open House.