

# Talmage Historical Society Museum & Library Newsletter

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### Calendar

Saturday, May 28 Open House to honor Curtis Coup Prairiedale Cemetery Talmage Museum (See Page 2)

Monday, May 30 Annual Memorial Day Tribute 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Prairiedale Cemetery Talmage Museum

Monday, May 30 Museum open for visitors and their families who are home for Memorial Day festivities. Come see us!

### In Memoriam

Alice Barclay 7/03/1918-04/20/2016 Carolyn Bennett 11/04/1943-1/31/2016 Marius Bledsoe 5/10/1933-4/09/2016 Kenneth McCosh 8/28/1933-4/25/2016 Sandra Enger Miller 05/06/1952-03/14/2016 Loren Noel 9/26/1917-2/29/2016 **Gladys Romberger** 1/18/1923-4/02/2016

# WWII Veterans will be recognized

Memorial Day services to honor World War II veterans buried at Prairiedale Cemetery will begin at 11 a.m., May 30, at the cemetery.

The Chapman American Legion Post 240 will present the program at this annual observance. Everyone is welcome.

The honored veterans are Elmer Allen, Howard Allen, Orville Allen, Loyd Anderson, James Baker, Oliver Baker, George Barclay, William Bartlett, Marvin Bebermeyer, Benny Black, Lowell Britt, Melvin Britt, LeRoy Broadfoot, Robert Burgess, Purl DeLong, Bill Ebel, John Enright, James Evans, William Flood, Curtis Fulton, Roger Greenough, Markwood Heck, Roy Jameson, Gordon Jolitz, Roy Koelling, William Lake, Calvin Matteson, Lynn Meehan, Charles Miles, Wayne Morehouse, Donald Mustard, James Mustard, JW Romberger, Gerald Sheets, Oliver Simpson, Lewis Smith,



Markwood Heck



William Lake



Lynn Meehan



JW Romberger



Lyle Snyder



Ralph Snyder

Lyle Snider, Charles Snyder, Ralph Snyder, John Steinborn, Orland Stewart, Hesden Stiers, Edward Stoner, George Thompson, George

Tyner, Leslie Vestal, DE Watt, Donald Van Wie, Wildfred Witte, Russell Yant.

## Talking History with Verl Coup...

We recently buried an extraordinary community-minded person, Ralph Snyder, who saw a need to support the community he grew up in. Many of you read in the newspaper that Ralph left the museum a considerable amount of money. To clarify that article in the newspaper, you should realize that Ralph left the money to the Community Foundation, and they send the museum a small portion of the gift each year. We have been receiving this gift for a few years now, so there will



be no change in our financial status. We still need your contributions and appreciate your kindness.

# Let's Make History...

By Pat Gormley Bowell
Spring has sprung
and new ideas are
begging to be started
here at the museum.

We are happy to have a new volunteer, Diana Irvine, at the museum. She has bravely



taken on updating our website, www.talmagekansas.com, with photos, museum news, and community events. She and her husband Russell live no more than a hoot and a holler from the museum, in what I, to this day, refer to as my grandmother Alice Gormley's home.

Diana has a genuine interest in all things historical and is also helping Verl with updating a World War II veterans list.

In order to have fresh, new historical articles on the website, which have not been published in the newsletter, I will be submitting new page on the website called "Women in Our History". In building each family history booth, I have learned a lot about those family histories that are not necessarily reflected in the display. Behind every pioneering man who had a vision of his family's future as he left his home for the unknown here in Dickinson County, there was a woman of equal ability who wanted to carve a life for herself and her family.

There are wonderful, sad, and interesting stories that reflect our early history here in northern Dickinson County. I believe these brave and influential women are often not given enough credit for their contribution.

Knowing who we were and where we

came from is who we are today.
Previous newsletters will still be posted to the website as the next quarter's newsletter is published.
Join us on the website.



Chapman American Legion Post 240 pictured in last year's Memorial Day tribute to veterans. They will present a program again this year at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 30.

# Open House To Honor Curtis Coup

The final commitment will be held for Curtis Coup at the Prairiedale Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Immediately following the commitment, a reception will be held at the Talmage Museum in his honor.

### Did You Know?

By Kathy Marsteller Coup In the 1950's, 60's and 70's, Talmage had boys baseball, girls softball, women's softball and men's softball teams. Players from Manchester, Industry, and Talmage played on ice cream social night, and as many as two to three hundred people attended.



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

# Playing baseball in Talmage was memorable

### By Verl Coup

My family lived on the farm west of Talmage when I first remember going to Talmage to play ball. Some of the early coaches were loe Griffith, Paul Gormley, as well as my dad. Talmage had the only youth baseball program in Northwest Dickinson County, thanks to our local Lions Club's sponsorship. Some of my teammates were Chuck Boles, Ken Chase, the Herman boys, Billy Harden, Stan Clark, Dough Nagely, brother Curtis, and

many others.



1970 PeeWee team coached by Butch Shivers.

Can you name these players?

One year, Dean Underhill brought his nephew from Texas to Talmage to play ball. His name was Linus Baer, and he could throw the ball harder than anyone I had ever seen. We did very well that year. Linus became a starter on the University of Texas football team. I wonder if he remembers his year at Talmage.

The nights of the ice cream socials were the best ever. Playing ball, then eating ice cream. It doesn't get much better than that.

# Have a story to share?

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 or mail them to PO Box 767
Talmage, Kansas 67482



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### Around Town...

# Time for a picnic in the park? Talmage park, at the corner of Ohio and Main

Talmage park, at the corner of Ohio and Main Street, is a great place for a picnic, but in the early 1900s, it was the site of the Peatling building, a Ford garage.

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.



