

# Talmage Historical Society *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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## Calendar

Monday, May 28  
*Memorial Day  
Tribute*  
10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Prairiedale Cemetery  
Talmage Museum

June 4-8  
*Talmage Library  
Summer Reading*  
1-3 p.m.

June 8  
*Talmage Quartet  
performs at  
Talmage School*  
6 p.m. hamburger/  
hot dog feed and  
concert at 7 p.m.

June 14  
*Prairiedale  
Cemetery Tour*  
7 p.m.

September 1  
*CHS Class of 1963  
55th Class Reunion  
Talmage Museum.*

### In Memoriam

Lila Robertson Foster  
09/18/1918-04/26/2018  
Theresa Lynn Foster  
12/30/1958-3/5/2018  
Arlene Emrich Smith  
6/10/1923-3/7/2018  
Lawrence D. Lehner  
5/2/1936-5/6/2018

## *Library open house kicks off summer*

The April 29 Talmage Library Open House kicked off what will be a busy summer at the new location.

More than 60 people attended the open house, enjoyed refreshments, and visited with neighbors and former classmates.

The Library Board is applying for grants to continue a renovation they started by repairing floors in the entry way, office, and bathrooms. They also replaced toilets.

The Board continues to call for donations to help with basic expenses while we await grant funds.

The Library will host a summer reading program, June 4-8, 1-3 p.m. daily. All



**Sharon Cramer, Evelyn Carter, Barb Wuthnow, Larry Coup, and Jean Britt visit at the Talmage Library & Event Center's open house.**

children in the community are invited. RSVP 785/643-9126 if you would like to enroll our children.

Rhonda Noel Thornburrow, a librarian/educator who grew up in the Talmage community will lead the program.

The community is invited to attend a hamburger/hot dog feed

and concert, Friday, June 8, beginning at 6 p.m. hosted by the Talmage Museum and Talmage Library at the old school.

The Talmage Quartet, comprised of former Talmage students Kalen and Arlan Bebermeyer, Gregg Noel, and Bill Gibson will perform, along with Shonna Nely.

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

Our Annual Memorial Day Tribute to Veterans will be begin at 10:30 p.m. at Prairiedale Cemetery. The Chapman American Legion will be here, and people are welcome to visit the museum afterwards as we will be open for visitors and their families until 4 p.m.



Verl Coup

The Prairiedale Cemetery will also be the site of a June 14 tour which will highlight prominent early day settlers of the Manchester and Talmage areas. The walking tour will begin at 7 p.m. and comfortable shoes are recommended.

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## Talking History, *continued from Page 1...*

The Prairiedale Cemetery Board is updating the names of the veterans who are buried in the cemetery. Check the following names of veterans and let us know if someone is not on this list that should be. My cell number is 785/200-0214.

### ***Civil War 1861-1865***

Blue, Benjamin W.  
Cleveland, Watson  
Crary, A.B.  
Curtis, Moses  
Edwards, William  
Flora, Harrison  
Foster, James  
Harvey, Hiram C.  
Ilf, Thomas C.  
Luker, Frederick  
Marrs, Reuben H.  
McCune, H.B.  
McVicker, Hugh  
Miller, John  
Moore, James  
Munson, William  
Penwell, John N  
Richards, George R.  
Saylor, Adam L.  
Snowden, John  
Stotler, William W.  
Vickers, Alonzo L.  
Wilson, Robert C.

### ***Spanish American War***

Bullington, Samuel D.

### ***World War 1 1914-1918***

Barta, John P.  
Book, John W.  
Dickinson, Herbert A.  
Dower, Jesse R.  
Faron, Pearl W.  
Funston, Fred  
Gibson, Earl E.  
Haarden, Roscoe E.  
Jameson, George C.

Knerr, Clare S.  
Knott, Carl R.  
Koelling, Benjamin A.  
Laney, Edward R.  
Laney, Thomas E.  
Luker, George, F.  
Maring, Archie  
Mustard, John H.  
Paul, Edwin F.  
Rees, Harry R.  
Rees, Lyman J.  
Russell, Frank W.  
Schaich, Robert H.  
Straub, Albert L.  
Straub, Ralph A.  
Taylor, Roy M.  
VanScoyoc, Willard

### ***World War II 1939-1945***

Allen, Elmer  
Allen, Howard  
Allen, Orville  
Anderson, Loyd  
Baker, James  
Baker, Oliver  
Barclay, George  
Bartlett, William  
Bebermeyer, Marvin  
Black, Benny  
Britt, Lowell  
Britt, Melvin  
Broadfoot, Leroy  
Burgess, Robert  
DeLong, Purl  
Ebel, Bill  
Enright, John  
Evans, James  
Flood, William  
Fulton, Curtis  
Greenough, Roger  
Heck, Markwood  
Jameson, Roy  
Jolitz, Gordon  
Koelling, Roy  
Lake, William  
Matteson, Calvin  
Meehan, Lynn  
Miles, Charles  
Morehouse, Wayne  
Mustard, Donald  
Mustard, James  
Ramsey JR, Jeon

Romberger, J. W.  
Sheets, Gerald  
Simpson, Oliver  
Smith, Lewis  
Snider, Lyle  
Snyder, Charles  
Snyder, Ralph  
Steinborn, John  
Stewart, Orland  
Stiers, Hesden  
Stoner, Edward  
Thompson, George  
Tyner, George  
VanScoyoc, Rex  
Van Wie, Donald  
Vestal, Leslie  
Watt, D.E. "Shorty"  
Witte, Wilford  
Yant, Russell

### ***Korea War 1950-1953***

Alden, Keith  
Bender, Don  
Blue, Edward, Jr.  
Durham, Thomas J.  
Heroneme, Alex C., Jr  
Kein, Clarence L.  
Neaderhiser, Melvin J.  
Nelson, Elmer Louis  
Perkins, James W.  
Rees, Verle D.  
Regehr, Henry  
VanWie, Darrell  
Vestel, Leslie  
Watt, Gerald  
Yant, Russell

### ***Vietnam War 1955-1975***

Allen, Richard E.  
Barclay, Warren  
Botz, Richard L.  
Chase, Max A.  
Coup, Tracy L.  
Gibson, Darrell R.  
Gormley, Donald P.  
Shivers, Ralland "Butch"  
Watt, Rodney W.  
Yant, Roy A.  
Yant, Russell A.

*Did you know...*

## *Talmage was melting pot of Dickinson County*

By  
Kathy  
Marsteller  
Coup



Yes, Talmage was the melting pot of Northern Dickinson County.

To the north were the Scots, who migrated here from Canada in 1872. Most were Baptist and came from Huron County, Ontario.

They were the Botz, Gibson, Broadfoot, Mustard, Watt, Bowyer, and other families.

To the east were the River Brethren who came from Switzerland and Germany, settled in Pennsylvania then came to Kansas in 1879.

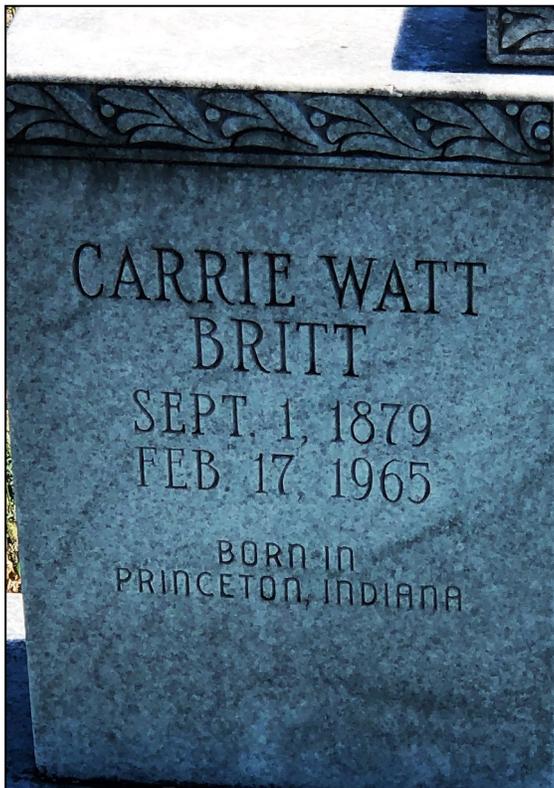
They were the Zook, Hoover, Noel, Frey, Lady, Engle, and other families.

To the south were the Chase, Wallace, Houtz, Britt and other families, who had

come to the Humboldt Creek area south of Junction City from the east coast, then on to the area south of Talmage in 1876.

To the west were the English folks. Some had come directly from England and some from the coal mines of Pennsylvania in 1871. They were the Grice, Fenn, Coup, Iliff, Dodge, and other families.

To me, this illustrates why Talmage was more a community than a town.



Grave marker of Carrie Watt Britt, a member of the Watt family, which were early Scottish settlers who came to the Talmage community.

Pictured below are the four members of the Chase family who came to the Talmage community from the Humboldt Creek area south of Junction City. Seated, left to right, are Flavius Chase and Jesse Chase; standing, left to right, are George Chase and Frank L. Chase.



## TALMAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### TALMAGE MUSEUM

2978 Main Street, P.O. Box 766  
Talmage, Kansas 67482  
thsoc@live.com

**HOURS: Mon., Wed., Friday, Saturday &  
Sunday, 2-4 p.m.**  
Closed Tues. & Thursday

### TALMAGE LIBRARY

2994 Main Street, P.O. Box 807  
Talmage, Kansas 67482  
talmagelibrary@gmail.com

**Summer Hours: Tuesday and Thursday  
9-11 a.m.**  
Saturday, 9-Noon  
Closed Sunday

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[www.talmagekansas.com](http://www.talmagekansas.com)



Terry Lake recently placed two old gas pumps in front of the old Bebermeyer Talmage Tractor & Implement Co. in Talmage. His renovation of the building has really dressed up Main Street. Thank you, Terry!

## ***Around Town...***

### ***Early settler lent name to Talmage***

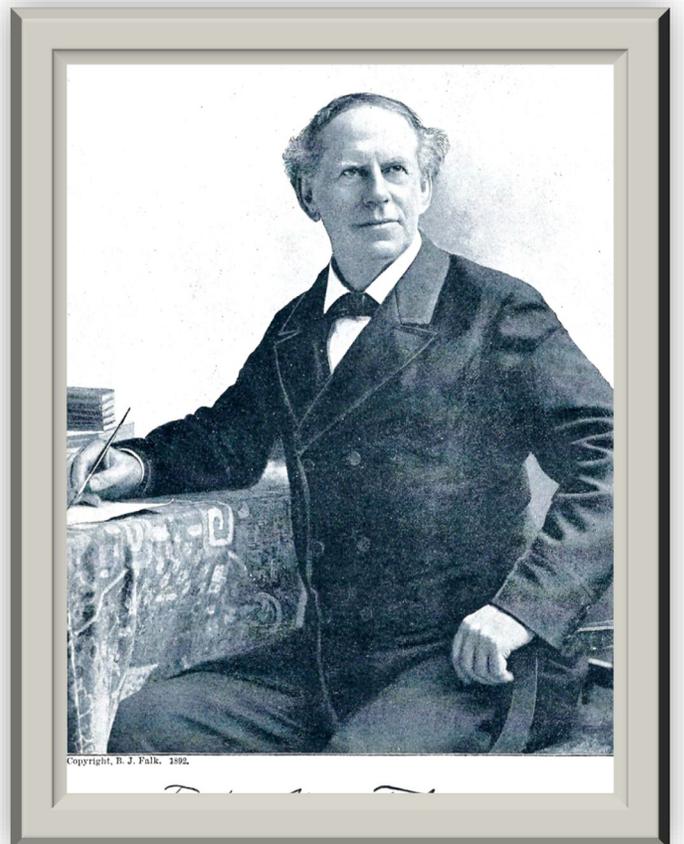
The town of Talmage was named after the popular Evangelist and Minister Thomas DeWitt Talmage (1832-1902).

He was a lyceum lecturer; editor of the *Christian at Work*, the *Advance*, *Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine*, and the *Christian Herald Magazine*, and author of several books, including *The Masque Torn Off*, 1883; *Social Dynamite*, 1889; *Mary: The Queen of the House of David and Mother of Jesus*, 1889; and *Night Scenes of City Life*, 1891.

Talmage, who once gave sermons at Talmage's Lyceum, was a good friend of prominent early settler of the community, Tom Iliff.

Attending Talmage's sermons was one of the most popular religious experiences of the era. He was known for his dramatic services when he would often jump in the air or from side to side to punctuate a point he was making in his sermon.

Through his lectures, writings, and sermons, it is estimated he reached more than 20 million people.



**Thomas DeWitt Talmage, 1892**