

# Talmage Historical Society

## *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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### Calendar

May 25, 2020

*Memorial Day*

*Service Cancelled*

Because of ongoing restrictions created by the Corona Virus, the Talmage Historical Society will not host the annual Memorial Day Service at Prairiedale Cemetery this year.

June 2020

*Summer Reading*

*Camp Cancelled*

Because of the uncertainty created by the Corona Virus, the summer reading camp is cancelled this summer.

Area youth are encouraged to use the library beginning May 18, from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday; and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday. To reserve for other hours, call 785/643-9126.

Check the library facebook page for updates.

### *Museum adds new display case to school room*



**This display case, donated by Francis Sanchez, showcases school items in the museum.**

The museum staff is grateful for Francis Sanchez's generous donation of a display case.

Francis and her late husband, Henry (Hank) Sanchez enjoyed attending estate sales and acquired

the case at one of the sales.

Many school items are on display in the school room, and one shelf will be reserved for Manchester items as both Henry and Francis lived in

Manchester, and Francis graduated 8th grade there in 1959.

Former Manchester students are invited to bring their school items to display.

### In Memoriam

Wayne Banks

6-12-24 4-08-2020

Raymond Grimes

7-4-78 4-19-2020

Gene Houtz

12-23-45 3-09-2020

Marjorie Isaac

12-20-35 3-27-2020

Junior Jeffrey

11-16-30 4-26-2020

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

The museum has been closed due to the COVID 19 and will remain closed until it is completely safe. However, the museum can be seen by appointment. Just call me at (785-200-0214).

The museum has been awarded a grant from the Dickinson County Community Foundation for new basketball goals for the park. We are looking for volunteers to help with the installation.



Verl Coup

*Sometimes it takes a village...*

# Yard work underway at Talmage library

**By Shawni Britt Sheets**

A much needed sprucing up is underway at the Talmage Library and Event Center. Thanks to a group of community-minded individuals, the yard surrounding the facility is looking well-groomed.

Gregg Noel brought his grapple rake to help clear dead trees, old railroad ties, and debris from the front yard and nearby ravine.

“It was a team effort,” Noel said. “Verl Coup and Jim Collins helped me.”

The improvements are being noticed from people driving by on Main Street and from Highway 18.

Other individuals have worked on the old ball diamond, which had trees, poison ivy, and weeds growing up in the surrounding fence.

Verl and Kathy Coup, Bonnie Funk, Barbara Wuthnow, Jim Collins, Jay Aurand, and others have assisted. Collins has also been a great help in keeping the lawn mowed throughout the summers.

Thanks to everyone for your help. We have ongoing projects. If you would like to donate a little help, call 785/643-9126.



Barbara Wuthnow

Jim Collins

**Gregg Noel brought a grapple rake to help clear dead tree branches, old railroad ties, and debris from the front yard and nearby ravine at the Talmage Library and Event Center.**

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

**By Kathy Marsteller Coup**

*An outstanding college basketball player lives in our community. Can you guess who it is?*

The answer is in the picture to the right. Barbara Friedly Wuthnow, who played for the Tabor Blue Jays, is pictured in the front row, second from the left.



*Thanks to some generous donors...*

## *Talmage Museum, Talmage Library grow their funds*

**By Shawni Britt Sheets**

Thanks to you, we exceeded our \$5,000 goal for the Talmage Museum Endowment Fund and also exceeded our \$5,000 goal for the Talmage Library Endowment Fund! With the matching funds from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, we each added more than \$11,000 to our endowment funds.

This means so much to all community members who are working hard to make the old bank building and the old Talmage School building the heart of our community. As we grow our funds, they will ensure that basic expenses are always met, long after the original board members of both nonprofit organizations are gone and replaced with others eager to continue the legacy.

We thank the Community Foundation of Dickinson County and donors for their donations, and we appreciate your continued support as we improve our facilities via fundraisers, grants, and other donations. *From the bottom of our hearts...thank you!*

### **Donors to the Talmage Museum**

**John & Annette Angst  
April & John Barker  
Barbara & Ron Beier  
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Roy & Regina Travelute  
Peggy Banks Volkman  
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Barbara Wuthnow**

## TALMAGE MUSEUM

2978 Main Street, P.O. Box 766  
Talmage, Kansas 67482  
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HOURS: Mon., Wed., Friday,  
Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

Or by appointment, call 785/200-0214.  
Closed Tues. & Thursday

## TALMAGE LIBRARY & EVENT CENTER

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

Summer Hours:

Monday through Friday 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, 10-Noon or by reservation.  
Call 785/643-9126.

Website: [talmage.lib.nckls.org](http://talmage.lib.nckls.org)

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LeRoy Bennett, left, invited CFDC Executive Director Elizabeth Weese to speak to the Talmage senior citizens.

## Weese shares CFDC mission

Elizabeth Weese, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, spoke to the Talmage Senior Citizens group last month about the mission and outreach of the Foundation.

The Foundation stewards the money donated by people who care and want to support causes that matter and disperses those funds to various nonprofits for projects, programs, and scholarships in the county. People can also donate land, which can be sold or operated for proceeds.

When people ask why they should donate to CFDC, Weese is quick to point out that "nobody knows Dickinson County like we do."

## *The end of an era...*

*By Verl Coup*

On April 8, 2020 the last known graduate of Talmage High School passed away. Curtis Wayne Banks was a 1942 graduate of our high school.

Another graduate, Vivian Koelling Gormley Detrich, class of 1940, died earlier in the year.

Wayne loved coming to the Talmage Museum and telling about the days of old Talmage High School. He told of starting to school in the first grade room and graduating from high school across the basketball court in another room. I considered Wayne to be a good friend and he will be missed. Our thank to his niece Linda Wickman from Lampasas, TX on keeping us informed.

Now, in the believe it or not category, we have a former Talmage High School teacher, who lives in

Kansas City and will soon turn 100 years of age.

Phyllis McCosh was fresh out of college when she took the job in what was the last year of high school (1943). In the school newspaper it states that she took the senior girls on a picnic in the Liff pasture.

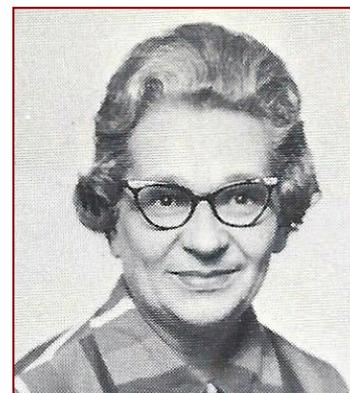
Phyllis will turn 100 in September.



**Wayne Banks**



**Vivian Gormley Detrich**



**Phyllis McCosh**