



# Talmage Historical Society

## Museum & Library Newsletter

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### Calendar

Sunday,  
Dec. 11

*Holiday  
Open House  
2-4 p.m.  
Talmage Museum  
and Public Library*

### Holiday Schedule

*The Talmage  
Museum and  
Library will close  
during the holidays  
of Thanksgiving,  
Christmas, and  
New Year.*

*If you have family  
in town and would  
like to view the  
museum, please  
call Verl Coup, 785-  
200-0214, to  
schedule a visit.*

### In Memoriam

Josepha "Jo"  
Anguiano

7/07/1927-11/01/2016

Robert "Bob" Gilfillan

8/31/1931-8/08/2016

Cindy K. Atkinson  
Gillespie

2/15/1957-10/24/2016

Frances L. Jones

9/13/1922-10/10/2016

## Attending school in the 1950's...

### By Verl Coup

I started to school in September of 1950. I remember being excited but a little scared on that first day.

The teacher was Glenna Underhill. what a wonderful teacher to start your schooling with.

In the second grade, I was again fortunate enough to have a very special teacher in Miss Sheets; she is now known as Shirley Bebermeyer, and she is still as sweet and kind as back then.

Next was Gladys Alexander, another example of a teacher who was very dedicated to her students and their studies. What I remember most about her was her handwriting; it was as perfect as any I had ever seen.

Miss Mildred Olson was my fourth and fifth grade teacher; she was a rather stern woman and demanded discipline in the class room. She taught me a lot but maybe it was because I was scared not to learn.

My fondest memory of her was when I broke my foot on the play grounds



Glenna Underhill



Shirley Bebermeyer



Gladys Alexander



Mildred Olson



Myron Lady



Donald Shorman

and she took me inside of the school and cared for me; it was a side of her I had not seen.

Myron Lady was my seventh grade teacher. He also taught my wife and three kids and was a teacher truly dedicated to his students.

I saved Don Shorman for last because he was my sixth and eighth grade teacher. Don was not only my teacher but was my coach and has become a very good friend.

My special memories of Mr. Shorman were of him coaching our basketball teams. We sometimes played our games at night and, as I remember, the gym was full.

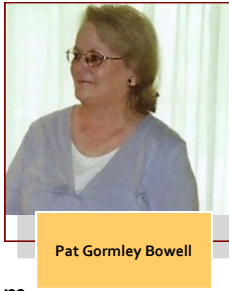
Other names come to mind such as Anna Jones and Christina Stewart, our cooks, and Harry Coup, a janitor.

All of these people had a hand in our upbringing and for that I say *Thank You!*

## Let's Make History...

By Pat Gormley Bowell

We would like to thank Rhonda Enger Keating for the treasure trove of Chapman's District 483 Elementary School annuals, "Highlighters" from 1968 through 1980, which includes every school in the district.



Pat Gormley Bowell

Talmage Grade School photos will be a great addition to the school room. Seventh and eighth graders had individual photos each year, and first grade through sixth grade were included in group photos. We had almost no photos from these years, and we couldn't be more pleased to be able to fill in this gap.

The surprising find in all this information was that we found five more teachers who taught at Talmage that were not known to us.

We also found many photos of teachers that we did not have. A special display is being made of just these years of students and teachers.

I have also enjoyed adding special photos of cheerleaders from each year, as well as the boys basketball teams.



Former students visit at the reunion.



A Talmage Centennial pillow, embroidered by Bertha Jane Freeman, is a new addition to the Talmage Museum. The pillow, offered by Earline Faron Jirik, was won by The Talmage Historical Society at the Talmage All-School Reunion.

## *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](mailto:thsoc@live.com) or mail them to  
PO Box 767  
Talmage, Kansas 67482***

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

Talmage Grade School was the second school in Dickinson County to consolidate. It consolidated with Chase School in 1908 and after that was known as U-2.



*Talmage All-School Reunion...*

*Students and teachers share a meal and memories*

Memories of school days at Talmage Grade School still hold a special place in many hearts. The oldest graduate, Alfred Koelling, and his wife Martha are regular attendees at this annual event that draws a crowd of 75 to 100 former students, teachers, and their families each year on the third Sunday of September.



**Karen and Wayne Nichols visit with Myron Lady.**



**Edna Griffith Swanson brought her son, Steve.**



**Alfred Koelling won a prize for oldest graduate.**



**Roger Romberger, Abilene, and sister Dr. Debra Romberger, Nebraska, enjoy the reunion.**



**Earline Jirik, left, and Pauline Houtz Dukelow reminisce, along with Diane Mulanax and Bonnie Funk.**

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**TALMAGE MUSEUM  
AND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Talmage, Kansas 67482

**Museum E-Mail:**  
thsoc@live.com

**Library E-Mail:**  
shawnisheets@gmail.com

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

**We're on the Web!**  
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***Around Town...***



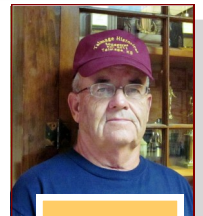
Marlo Ledy Zumbrunn, left, visits with Karen Funston Nichols and Joyce Guy at the Talmage Reunion.

Tables were filled with former students and teachers at the All-School Reunion in September.



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

As most of you know by now the last few weeks have been rough on me and my family. After having a stroke and then a heart attack things have started to look up. I'm feeling much better and hope to soon be back to normal. A special thanks for all the cards, prayers and well wishes; they were appreciated.



Verl Coup