



Talmage Historical Society

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Calendar

Museum & Library Temporarily Closed

Because of ongoing restrictions created by the Covid 19 Virus, the Talmage Museum and Talmage Library & Event Center are closed. The public is welcome to visit both by appointment.

Books continue to be delivered to Talmage Library

Books are delivered every other month, most recently in October, and Manhattan Public Library will deliver more during the second week of December.

In Memoriam

Curtis Bennett
11-07-43 10-11-2020
Sanford Enger
8-14-28 9-01-2020
Dr. Jeffrie Fox
(Glenda Watt's son)
10-27-71 11-07-2020
Paul Hettenbach
4-07-52 10-13-2020
Alice Maudine Lantz
4-08-33 9-04-2020
Phyllis McCosh
9-14-20 10-24-2020
Edyth Romberger
Mastin
10-02-25 8-19-2020
Jason Zook
4-24-24 11-19-2020

1943 Talmage Grade School Classes



Front Row, left to right; Lynn Sullivan, Bob Griffiths, Joan Geske, Jackie Allen, Phyllis Hosie, Audeen Alden, Audrey Schopp, Shirley Faron, John Cooley, Janice Holdsworth; Second Row, left to right; Arden Habaker, Eddie Griffiths, Joyce Holdsworth, Bonnie McVicker, Ronald Britt, Cliffors (Pete) Schaich, Duane Cooley, ?, Sherry Reinking; Third Row, left to right; Edna Mae Griffiths, Doris Hosie, John Schaich, Miss Knisel, Kenneth Bebermeyer, Kent Sullivan, Earline Faron, Ally Allen, Verna Beadleston, John Alden, Gerald (Sonny) Britt.

Stories of my life...coming of age in rural Kansas

Following are excerpts from Doris (Hosie) Schumann's book, **Stories of My Life...Coming of Age in Rural Kansas.**

By Doris Hosie Schumann
At the time I started school in 1936, Talmage had grades 1 through 12. I would guess that the building was pretty new at that time. It had a hardwood basketball court in the center of the building with the two grade school rooms and the music

rooms on one side, and the high school classroom on the other. There was a balcony on three sides, and I remember a journalism room off the end of the balcony.

I also remember there was a shower stall in the girls restroom. We grade school kids never used them for showers, but the taller girls could jump up

and swing from the shower curtain poles. We little ones could only do that if someone gave us a boost up.

The stage we used for our programs was almost the length of the court and seemed very big.

When World War II started most of the high school boys joined the

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Pickleball can now be played at Talmage

By Shawni Britt Sheets

Randall and Donna Bathurst have created a new use for the Talmage Library & Event Center: a place to play pickleball, which they describe as a combination tennis/ping pong game.

"We used one of the old volleyball poles (south side) and Randall made the other one," Donna said. "We bought the net and tape and measured out the court and laid the tape. We started out with 3 couples and one single guy. We have had 20-25 different people play there at one time or another, including our children and relatives."

Most regular players are 60+ years old, but they've had kids as young as 9 play. "It's lots of fun for all ages and skill sets, and great exercise. We usually play Sunday afternoons but this Covid has slowed us down."

The Bathursts stayed at an RV Resort called Monte Vista in Mesa, AZ last January/February. Randall's sister and husband, Larry and Laura Cundiff were also wintering there, and his other sister Linda and husband Dave Martin live in a neighboring retirement community.



Donna and Randall Bathurst created a pickleball court on the Talmage gymnasium floor in May.

"We had heard of Pickelball but had never seen it played, so when we discovered it was offered at this resort, we signed up for a class. We were hooked from day one," said Donna, "and played every day we were there, meeting

new friends there with whom we still communicate."

The Bathurst would like to involve other adult community members and plan to set up a pickleball class when it is feasible., and would love to have community members join them.

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military, so the high school was closed because there were so few students left. After that it was called Talmage Grade School.

The classes were divided with the first through fourth grades in one room and the fifth through eighth in the other room. It was basically a two teacher school, but we did share the high school music teacher and one of the teachers also acted as the principal.

I'm sure that most of my teachers were good teachers, but each year by the time I began school, I had been teased and told how mean my new teachers was going to be so many times that I was full of panic the first

day. I had also been assured emphatically that if I got a spanking at school, I could expect an even worse one when I got home. The teachers always mentioned what a shy, quiet little thing I was to my parents. Little did they know that I was scared to death of them.

I learned one of life's great lessons in second grade. This was the era when people were just beginning to be taught good health habits...Our teacher made a chart to encourage us to learn to brush our teeth daily. Each morning she would ask for the hands of the children who had brushed their teeth and marked a big X on it be their name. I held my hand up every morning. I had a very impressive record. I think I even started to feel ra-

ther good about my perfect score. All was going great until the day that the chart was almost filled. Then she threw in a real clinker when she asked, "Is it all right if I ask your parents about this?" Oh my, panic time! I could hear my heart beating in my ears! Then this little girl who never held up her hand, (me), did and asked in a scared voice, "Does it count if you brush them by chewing gum?"

Well, it didn't, so the teacher took her dark pen and drew a line through all those Xs, a big wide dark line. I had wanted so much to be like the other kids in the class that I lied about it and now they were all laughing at me. Obviously, it was humiliating. I still remember it almost 55 years later.

Reaching for a milestone...

Library Board looks toward facility improvements

By Shawni Britt Sheets

Library Board President

While the Coronavirus has changed the way we work, there is still a lot going on behind the scenes at the Talmage Library & Event Center.

We are preparing to do some deep cleaning while there is less foot traffic, and working on applying for grants to help with needed repairs. Some of these grants can take some time before funds come in.

In the meantime, we have some urgent needs so we can provide a safe, useful, energy efficient facility for northern Dickinson County.

We especially need donations to repair the windows and replace storm windows with energy efficient models. Propane and electricity are our two highest utilities.

We also need to replace a leaky hot water heater.

Some of the more expensive items, such as replacing older heating and air systems with new energy efficient models, and repairing the gymnasium floors will be top priorities for grant funds.

Anyone interested in participating in these projects, either through providing funds or volunteer labor, please contact me at 785/643-9126 for more details.

We appreciate those of you who continue to provide support as we navigate the changes due to the pandemic.

Many in the community and beyond enjoy our facility as a place to enjoy their family in a space that is not as confined as their home and provides games, books, and other entertainment.

We remain important to the community, and look forward to the time we can host larger events, such as reunions and entertainment.

Please mail donations to Talmage Library at PO Box 807, Talmage, KS 67482.

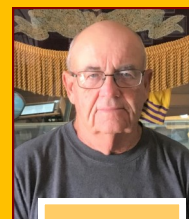


All of the windows, especially the kitchen windows, need to be repaired and the storm windows replaced with energy efficient storm windows to improve utility efficiency.

Talking History with Verl...

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, we are still closed. We are open by appointment, so give me a call and we will be happy to meet with you. Tom Mehl from Denver, CO was here, as was the Kevin McKeeman family. David Keener of Lone Jack, MO, was also a special visitor.

Stay safe, and take care of yourself.



Verl Coup

Did You Know?

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

On February 7, 1940, Manchester High School played the Talmage High School in a basketball game. Manchester had a two year high school, and Talmage had a four year high school; so even though Talmage won, it probably wasn't fair.



Looking back at our community...

The Veltman Family



Front Row, left to right, Bernard, Alice, and A.J. Veltman; Back Row, left to right, Elizabeth, Robert, Francis, Margaret, and Lucille Veltman.

Early memories of the Veltman family in the Talmage community

By Jennifer Veltman Smidt

An early memory of mine is hearing Talmage and Bavaria mentioned in conversations of my Dad, Bernard Veltman, and his siblings.

My grandparents, Arnold (A) and Alice Veltman, moved to Dickinson County in the early 30's and worked and lived on the Brenizer farm. After a few years, they purchased a farm south of Talmage where the Jerry Marstellers' now reside.

My Aunt Margaret and my Dad both graduated from Abilene High School. Their younger siblings Lucille, Francis and Elizabeth

graduated from Talmage High School.

Another brother Robert was killed before I was born. All three of the Veltman sons served in the US Army. My dad and Uncle Francis served overseas during World War II in North Africa, the European Theater and the Philippines.

My parents married in early 1942 and to this union eight children were born.

My husband and I live on the former Elvin Britt farm two miles west of Talmage where we raised our four children.

(Jennifer Smidt is a volunteer at the museum.)

TALMAGE MUSEUM

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

Or by appointment, call 785/200-0214.

Closed Tues. & Thursday

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2994 Main Street, P.O. Box 807

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Monday through Friday 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, 10-Noon or by reservation.

Call 785/643-9126.

Website: talmage.lib.nckls.org

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www.talmagekansas.com