



# Talmage Historical Society *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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## Calendar

### *Museum & Library to reopen soon*

The Talmage Museum and the Talmage Library & Event Center will both be open to the public beginning June 2. Museum hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment.

Library hours are 9:30-11:30, and 4:30-6:30, Monday through Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday. The facility can also be reserved for events any day and is open by appointment.

**Memorial Day Services**  
Memorial Services will be at 9 a.m., May 31, at Prairiedale Cemetery with Chapman American Legion.

## In Memoriam

**Kenneth Bebermeyer**

9-04-31 4-25-2021

**E. Allen Course**

6-18-28 3-29-2021

**Wilma Knox Mall**

1-12-31 3-30-2021

**Maxine Mustard**

**Perkins**

8-27-28 3-6-2021

**Joyce Baldwin**

**Puderbaugh**

6-21-45 3-27-2021

**Earl Shackelford**

9-19-48 3-04-2021

**Clarence Garten**

10-26-1926 5-17-2021



Ron Shouse built and donated a walnut desk to support a display case in the school history room of the museum.

## Shouse creates a new addition for Talmage Museum

By Verl Coup

Ron Shouse, who was a recent guest of the museum, expressed an interest in building a piece of furniture for the museum. He agreed

to build a desk for a display case that we had in storage.

The desk, made of walnut harvested from a tree north of Talmage, includes a drawer. The desk is now

part of the Talmage High School display.

Thank you, Ron Shouse, the desk is beautiful and is a great addition to our museum.

## Talking History with Verl Coup

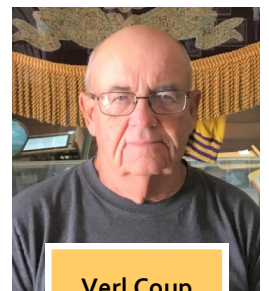
The museum will be reopen on June 2 and will be open 2-4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but we will open anytime for an appointment.

Donate Day 2021 was again a huge success for the museum. Our endowment will now cover our everyday expenses. It is now time for us to look at the future. As our expenses rise we need to find more ways to support the museum. Some of the ways are making the museum part of your will, trust, or giving to the Dickinson County

Community Foundation and making the museum the benefactor. If you have any questions, just call me.

As I have said before, this will be for our grandchildren and great-grand children.

Thank you in advance.



Verl Coup



# Talmage is open and thriving

*By Shawni Britt Sheets*

There's excitement in the air as everyone is venturing out after a long hibernation thanks to the coronavirus and some cold stretches this past winter.

Talmage is more alive as volunteers and their handiwork are visible all over town. Verl Coup and Jim Collins have been grading streets, trimming trees around town, and replacing old flags and mowing the lawn at the library.

Ken and Paula Huitt Manley from Michigan, who donate time and funds to the Talmage community, were in town to install their Kansas Farm Bureau Century Farm sign on their property south of Talmage at the corner of Fair Road and 2800 Avenue.

The pickle ball players are hard at it, playing at a breakneck pace on the floors of the old gym where they once played basketball and performed feats for the physical education teachers.

If you catch someone doing something around the community, snap a picture and send it to me at [shawnisheets@gmail.com](mailto:shawnisheets@gmail.com).



**Verl Coup and Jim Collins grade Talmage streets with a grader of yesteryear, circa early 1900's.**



**Ken and Paula Manley installed their Century Farm sign recently.**



**Verl Coup & Jim Collins install new flags, donated by Verl & Kathy.**



**Donna Bathurst stops pickleball play to mop up construction dust.**



## *Talmage Library receives needed funding... Donations and a CFDC Grant support improvements*

**By Shawni Britt Sheets  
Library Board President**

Our call for help is being answered in a generous fashion. C.T. and Susie Herman recently made a \$10,000 donation for the purchase and installation of energy efficient windows to replace the rotted and broken old ones in the school building.

To complete a transformation of the kitchen after Brian Lady and son Josh installed new windows, Brian and Lisa Gaskill Peters painted. By the time you read this newsletter, new flooring will also replace the old and torn linoleum.

The kitchen and dining areas are two of the most used rooms in the facility as we host large family gatherings and other events where meals are prepared and shared.

Thanks to the Hermans' generous donation, the rest of the windows will be replaced this summer. We look forward to hosting the Talmage All-School Reunion in September when former students, family, and friends can enjoy the fresh, clean look, along with the old familiar rooms and memories.

Some of the more expensive items, such as replacing older heating and air systems with new energy efficient models are in need of funds, while repairing the gymnasium floor will be a top priority for grant funds. First steps are being taken for a grant via a survey which will be sent to patrons living in the four townships which encompass the Talmage community: Willowdale, Buckeye, Flora, and Cheever.

The library board replaced the leaky hot water heater and now the kitchen and bathroom have on demand hot water. We are incurring expenses to provide for the future of the community. 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 need you!



**C.T. & Susie Herman**

**Brian Lady, left, and son Josh Lady installed new energy efficient windows this month and will be back to install new windows on the front of the building when they arrive at the beginning of July. The new windows were made possible by a donation from C.T. Herman and Susie Herman, Santa Fe, NM.**



**Chris Gibson, center, helped unload the picnic tables delivered by Lumber House. The picnic tables were purchased with a grant provided by the Community Foundation of Dickinson County.**

# *Looking back at our community...*

## **The Fulton Family**



**Inset: William D. Fulton and Martha Fulton; left to right, Harry and Lizzie Fulton, and Helen and Curtis Fulton.**

## ***Fulton family arrives in 1876***

**By Jennifer Veltman Smidt**

W.D. Fulton was age 6 when his family moved to the United States from Edinburg, Scotland. He and his wife Martha then moved to Dickinson County from Illinois in 1876, homesteading in Flora and Willowdale townships.

W.D. was a founding member of Talmage who assisted in the platting and drove the first nail in the first building. He operated one of the first stores in town and was instrumental in the beginnings of all three elevators. He also served on the board of Prairiedale Cemetery.

W.D. and Martha had six children and three lived to adulthood. Thomas married Pearl Higdon but they had no children; William Harrison (Harry) married Elisabeth (Lizzie) Bauman; and Anna Jane married Samuel Bebermeyer but they had no children.

W.D. and Martha Fulton both passed away in November 1937, 18 days apart. Their son Thomas died earlier that same year, in January. Anna Bebermeyer passed in 1962. Sadly Harry and Lizzie died too soon in 1968, the result of a car accident.

Their children were Curtis Dale and Norma Jean. She married Hercules Renda and they had two children. Curtis married Helen Lampert in 1943 and to this union, two children were born, Dennis Ray and Jeanna Marie.

Curtis served in the US Naval Air Corp, farmed and delivered mail before becoming a minister. Helen was a schoolteacher in various one room schools and at Talmage. Dennis married Janette Garten, and Jeanna married Dale Short.

Curtis died in 2012, and Helen lives in Salina and will be 99 years old in August.

### **TALMAGE MUSEUM**

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**Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m.**

**Or by appointment, call 785/200-0214.**

**Closed Tues. & Thursday**

### **TALMAGE LIBRARY & EVENT CENTER**

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