



Talmage Historical Society

Museum & Library Newsletter

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Calendar

September 17-18

Car Show & Talmage All-School Reunion.

Everyone is invited to a Car Show, Ice-Cream Social, and band on Saturday, September 17, 2:30-7 p.m. on Main Street in Talmage. Both the Museum and the Library & Event Center will be open so visitors can enjoy viewing updates and use the restrooms.

The Annual All-School Reunion potluck is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. All friends and family of Talmage students are welcome to attend.

September 18

Talmage Church

The Talmage Church will host a service at 10 a.m.

In Memoriam

Pearl Watt Lenhart

12/20/1926-12/07/2018

Doneita Tischhauser Oard

1/13/1942-04/28/2022

David Anguiano

04/09/1952-06/02/2022

Jesse Ray Howard

02/09/1974-06/06/2022

Dwight Greenough

07/14/1933-06/13/2022

Raymond C. Morgan

01/24/1949-06/14/2022

Paul Funston

04/03/1942-04/16/2022

Lyle Zook

03/16/1943-07/21/2022

Mural depicts early Talmage history

By Verl Coup

Museum Board President

Local artist Mary Jo Constable Arnold, who grew up in the Talmage community, is painting a mural on the north side of the museum.

Mary Jo, a well known artist in the region, designed the mural to depict an early day scene of the train sitting at the Talmage depot.

Mary Jo graduated from the Talmage Grade School in 1967 and from Chapman High School in 1971. According to her high school art teacher, Barry West, she was one of his best students.

Next time you are in Talmage, stop and see the mural, which she plans to complete in time for the Car Show and All School Reunion.



Mary Jo Contable Arnold works to complete a mural of the Talmage Depot in a scene from the early history of Talmage. Arnold plans to finish the mural in time for the Car Show and All-School Reunion weekend, September 17-18.

Talking History with Verl Coup...

The museum has been busy lately. Dennis & Jeanette Fulton were here to celebrate Dennis's mother Helen's 100th birthday. The Moyer family donated Don Moyer's military uniform. Also the Jolitz and the Watt Families were here.

Come and join us on the 17th of September for the Car Show and the 18th for the All School Reunion.



Verl Coup

Come and join the fun on Reunion Sunday!

By *Shawni Britt Sheets*

Former Talmage students and their friends and family are invited to attend the All-School Reunion on Sunday, September 18.

The final class to attend Talmage School graduated 50 years ago in 1972. Those students will be recognized at this reunion.

The class of 1972 included Delores Crisco, Mary Lynn Engle, Tammy Howard, Jonna Luker, Janice Marsteller, Debra Ponton, Janice Enger, Carolyn Houston, Karen Miller, Mike Alexander, C.J. Atkinson, Arlan Bebermeyer, Kelly Bledsoe, Howard Engle, Merle Garver, Bill Gibson, Jeff Davis, Ricky Lake, Gregg Noel, Glen Snider, Keith Schwab, Dan Wuthnow, Russell Durbin, Danny Durbin, Dusty Hammond.

The Talmage Quartet will sing a couple of songs for entertainment.

Anyone interested in seeing the building improvements and seeing former friends and neighbors is invited to join us at 12:30 p.m. for this potluck meal. Doors will open at noon for those who wish to visit early.

Bring covered dishes. The drink and table service will be provided.

Did You Know?

By *Kathy Marsteller Coup*

K-18 was made into a all-surface road in 1952. In 1956 the Talmage (Fair) Road was also done. It remains as the second most traveled county road in Dickinson County.



Valuable Volunteer Jan Yocum takes a break

After over 11 years of volunteering, Jan Yocum has decided to retire.

When Jan started volunteering, the library was also housed in the same building as the museum. When the library moved to the old school building, she stayed and worked for the museum on Fridays.

“Jan put a lot of work in the library in our early years, labeling and shelving books and helping patrons,” said Library President Shawni Sheets. “She helped create a good foundation as she had library experience having worked for school libraries.”

After the library moved to the old school building and branched out to include community, county, and regional support as a nonprofit space for families and organizations to host events, Jan stayed and provided valuable support to the museum.

“She has been a tremendous asset to our museum,”

Museum President Verl Coup said. “Deb Marsteller has agreed to take her place.”

Thanks, Jan, for a job well done!



Jan Yocum

New things to see when you join us for Reunion Weekend, September 17-18...
Museum display documents school history

New Exhibit:
PRAIRIE SCHOOLS, Dickinson County, Kansas

By Patsy Gormley Howell

The new exhibit honoring the work of Marie Strunk, author of ***Prairie Schools, Dickinson County***, is now complete.

One hundred and twenty-five Prairie Schools in 24 townships, plus six city schools, are displayed.

The average number of schools is 5.5 per township, with every prairie school's location identified. Photos of school buildings from her publication are tied to each school's location.

One thing learned while creating this exhibit is the pride our homesteaders had in the school buildings, sometimes being replaced two or three times over the years. Some were used for other activities, such as a church and community center.

What was also impressive was the fact that these homesteader's wanted their children educated; education was everything. Thousands of Dickinson County children went on to become better educated citizens.



The Talmage Park has a fresh face...

By Sharon Chase

The flurry of activity at the Talmage Park has been at a higher level recently. On most Saturdays mornings, you will find Bill and Sandy Gibson there as they volunteer their time and equipment to do general maintenance in keeping the park area neat and inviting. Verl and Kathy Coup have contributed by applying a new coat of stain to the piece of wooden playground equipment. A group from the church has been busy painting picnic tables and playground equipment.

The church is also in the midst of making organizational changes. As a congregation, they have chosen to leave the Methodist Conference. Now it will be independent, and known as the Talmage Community Church. Many good and exciting changes are taking place, with a variety of speakers doing the Sunday morning presentations for the present time.

A special service is planned for September 18th, including music by the Talmage Ladies Potpourri Group.

Hopefully, those who will be in the area because of the Talmage School Reunion, will join in at church in Talmage that Sunday morning. It starts at 10 a.m., and all are welcome.



Rex and Karson Craig (left) make fence repairs around the basketball court at the park; Sandy Gibson (right) uses a weed eater to clean up the park.

Talmage Museum Car Show

Saturday, September 17th, 2022

2:30 p.m.—7 p.m.



**Registration by
Donation To the Museum
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**



Dash plaque and goodie bags to first 25 entrants
Raffel with proceeds going to the Talmage Museum
Raffel- One ticket \$1.00 or Six tickets for \$5.00

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

At the Talmage Senior Center across from
the park. Serving by suggested Donation.



Talmage Community Church from 2:30—7.00 p.m.

+++ Food Trucks +++

**BUCKEYE 1312 band entertains in the park
from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Car Show awards given at band intermission.
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the band.

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