

# Talmage Historical Society

## *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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### Calendar

September 1-4  
*CHS Class of 1973*  
50th Class Reunion  
Meet & Greet, Sept. 1  
Chapman Legion  
For classes 70-76  
Dinner, Sept 2  
CHS  
Labor Day Float  
Monday, Sept. 4

September 16-17  
*Car Show & Talmage*  
*All-School Reunion.*

September 30  
*Taylor Reunion*

October 13  
*DCCHS 60th*  
*Class Reunion*  
Talmage Museum

### In Memoriam

Francis Hartenstein  
Burdick  
12/29/1927-03/31/2023  
Teresa Drake  
06/26/1950-03/12/2023  
Sandra Koelling  
Elliott  
06/04/1945-04/21/2023  
Matthew Langdon  
10/18/1973-04/21/2023  
Michael Ponton  
2/17/1953-05/25/2023  
David Schneider  
06/14/1944-02/20/2023  
John Sheets  
10/19/1945-05/04/2023  
Karen Maybell  
Farrell  
05/29/1943-06/13/2023

## *Local Memorial Day activities enjoyed*

The Talmage Museum has conducted a Memorial Day service every year since 2014, excluding the covid years and the rain out in 2021.

Once again the Chapman American Legion Post #240 presented participated.

"This holiday began on May 30, 1868 to honor all civil war veterans, both Union and Confederates, who died in the Civil War," said Verl Coup, "and was known as Decoration Day." It became a Federal Holiday in 1971 and has become a day to honor all veterans who have given their lives so we can remain free. Over 1 million have died for this cause.

In the Pairiedale Cemetery there are 146 Veterans buried here; 26 WWI, 57 WWII, 19 Korean, 17 Vietnam.



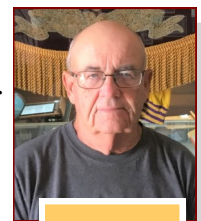
Veteran and member of Chapman American Legion Post #240 Robert Roskens plays Taps at Prairiedale Cemetery, north of Talmage, as well as other cemeteries in the county on Memorial Day.

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

We've had some interesting visitors to the museum lately. Mary Feller and Jean Scanlan were here and Jean said she attended Manchester Grade School for two years and shared great memories of Marilyn Clark.

Mark Norton from Winona, MN was here with Bob Bennett.

Gary Matteson brought a book on Manchester that included a 1888 newspaper. Robert Wayman, a young man from Industry is writing the history of Industry (Berlin), Kansas. We hope to publish some of his writing in future newsletters.



Verl Coup

## Thank you for your donations to our endowment funds!

To help them continue their mission of “being a resource for area nonprofits,” the Community Foundation hosted its fifth match day on March 17, 2023.

We are so grateful to the Foundation and to all who donated dollars for the Talmage Historical Society Endowment Fund and for the Talmage Library & Event Center Endowment Fund.

You are making a significant difference in the lives of people from all over Dickinson County!

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

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

Talmage Historical Society and Talmage Library & Event Center are consistently in the top ten of the leaderboard on Donate Dickinson Day!



We are grateful for the support of our donors!

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

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Spring & Summer Hours:

Open 7 days a week

by appointment or reservation.

Call 785/643-9126

Office Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

## *Support for our projects grows*

By *Shawni Britt Sheets*

Even in years when we thought the state of the economy might slow donations, our community and county full of supporters came through for us. We are amazed and so appreciative.

We see many of the same names year after year, and this year, the fifth year of Donate Dickinson, was no different. They are loyal, the families who support us.

They include the families of Barker, Bathurst, Bebermeyer, Beier, Bender, Bennett, Bowell, Burwell, Chase, Clark, Coup, Cundiff, Dawson, Deis, Feighner, Forristal, Fulton, Funk, Gibson, Gorman, Greenwood, Hanson, Herman, Hermann, Hoffman, Jackson, Lady, Lake, Landoll, Lantz, Lucas, Manley, Marsteller, McCosh, Nagely, Neaderhiser, Noel, Pankratz, Pitney, Reed, Riemann, Rohrer, Romberger, Schmidt, Scriptor, Shorman, Simpson, Smidt, Smih, Stout, Strobel, Thayer, Travelute, Youtsey, Walker, Warner, Weese, and Wuthnow, plus others who wish to remain anonymous.

The Talmage Historical Society received 56 donations for a total of \$12,950 + \$5,000 matching=\$17,950.

The Talmage Library & Event Center received 34 donations for a total of \$7,490 + \$5,000 matching=\$12,490.



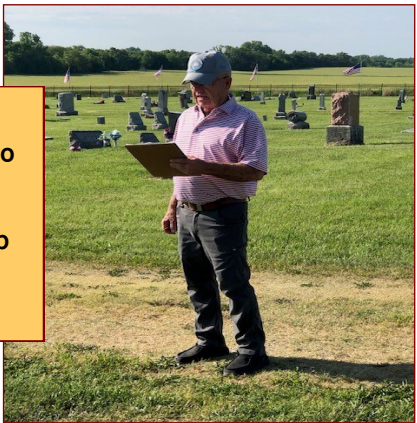
# *Memorial Day 2023*

## *Honoring our loved ones, heroes, and heroines*



Chapman American Legion Post #240  
At Prairiedale Cemetery (above) and  
Indian Hill Cemetery, Chapman (below)

Post #240  
(above)  
Verl Coup  
(right)



Honor Flight at the Air Force Memorial, Washington D.C. During Spirit Flight, they read off names of veterans who passed before their trip on the flight, which included John Sheets, USMC, age 77. Robert Roskens and Dave Anderson, Chapman, attended.



# ***Renovations to school building continue***

**By Shawni Britt Sheets**

I hope you never have to hear from me again on this subject because that will mean we have reached the end of the major improvements needed to transform our old Talmage School building into a lasting gift to our families and future generations.

Before I spent the past year taking care of my husband, John Sheets, who passed away May 4 from lung cancer and heart failure, we were pressing forward with renovations to the Talmage Library & Event Center.

After replacing old windows in the building, replacing old flooring in the kitchen and around the perimeter of the gymnasium, remodeling the kitchen, and painting the entire walls around the gym (upstairs and down) and in the foyers and hallways, we are now ready for the more demanding projects...refinishing the gymnasium floor and saving for an energy efficient HVAC system. The heating and cooling of this building needs all of the help modern energy efficient systems can lend it.

The Bebermeyer family has already donated \$25,000 we have saved in an account with the Community Foundation of Dickinson County until we are ready to use their generous gift.

Word of mouth has spread and there is now high demand for use of our building for small and large events. Many families from all over Dickinson County and many organizations have found our building to be the perfect place to host a gathering. Everyone enjoys use of our kitchen, dining room, game room, gymnasium, and adult and children's libraries.



**Demand for reservations of the Talmage Library & Event Center have increased, and there are now reservations all of they way through to December of 2023. Call now if you want to be added to our calendar. Call Shawni Sheets at 785/643-9126.**

We need the help of anyone willing to make any size of donation, small or large, to help us finish this project.

When the library board sought bids for the HVAC system during the past couple of years, replacing two furnaces and air conditioners and adding additional air for the gymnasium was going to cost approximately \$50,000 so we are possibly halfway there on that project.

If we can refinish the gymnasium floor, it will be more economical. For a safe playing surface and a floor fit for weddings and concerts, it is imperative that we act now. We will be thankful for your help!

Please send your donations to Talmage Library, PO Box 807, Talmage, Kansas 67482. We will update you.