

# Talmage Historical Society

## *Museum & Library Newsletter*

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### Calendar

**Closed Thanksgiving—**  
Call for an appointment at  
at 785-200-0214 or 785-388-  
-2565

**Christmas Open House-**  
12/10/23 2–4 pm.

**Closed Christmas  
Weekend** - Call for an  
appointment at 785-200-  
2014.

### In Memoriam

**Maxine (McVicker)  
Wensel**

11-12-29 8-6-2023

**Frank Frey**

8-28-45 9-7-2023

**Joyce (Guy) McCready**

11-1-44 10-13-2023

**Marcene (Betts)**

**Broadfoot**

10-18-27 10-27-2023

**Gordon Strunk**

3-24-28 10-27-2023

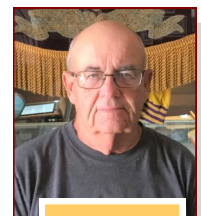
## *Fundraiser for the Museum— You Could Win!*



Above is a beautiful wooden 22" x 43" Flag hand crafted by local artist Jay Aurand. This flag was donated by Jay as a fundraiser for the museum. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Christmas open house on December 10, 2023. You do not need to be present to win. Interested in tickets? Contact Verl Coup or call the museum (785) 388-2565.

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

September and October were busy months at the museum. It was good to see our little community so alive with people. First we had the car show and Talmage School reunion. Then we had the Taylor reunion, the Oliver Tractor parade, Tombstone Talks and my 60<sup>th</sup> Class reunion. A big thank you to Stan and LeAnn Clark for putting the reunion together. We had a nice crowd.



Verl Coup

## *Talmage Reunion!*

The annual **Talmage Reunion** was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. It was voted on to have the reunion on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2024. This is the same day as the car which starts at 2:00 pm.



Class of 1963:  
Tim  
Bathurst,  
Rosemary  
(Herman)  
Anderson,  
Marlys  
(Langdon)  
Rohrer



Class of 1956:  
Pat (Gormley)  
Bowell,  
Vivian (Frey)  
Redden



Class of 1959:  
Lynn  
Romberger,  
Verl Coup



Class of 1968:  
Marie (Noel) Struble,  
Barbara (Meehan)  
Beier,  
Susan (Burdick)  
Brummett



## *Talmage Car Show!*

The 2nd annual car show was a huge success with over 60 cars participating. It was fun to see both sides of Main Street filled with cars. The Talmage Community Church had homemade ice cream and people love it. Next year, the car show will be held on September 21, 2024. We hope to see you there!

## *The Bebermeyer Building*

In 1925 Tom Fulton and Sam Bebermeyer built this building and called it Talmage Supply CO. Later it would be called Talmage Tractor and Implement CO.

In the early days, they sold Hart-Parr Wallace and Rock Island Tractors. They also sold Massey-Harris Combines as well as Rock Island and J.I. Case Implements.

In 1945, Sam Bebermeyer died and his brother Oliver Bebermeyer started running the business. He began selling Gleaner combines and installed gas pumps in the front. He later ground feed in this building and augured it outside, hence the hole in the north wall. The office was in the southeast corner and if you look up, you can see the different colored ceiling.

The parts counter was on the north wall, and the shop was in the back. If you look at the floor of the shop, you can see the marks that the steel wheels made.

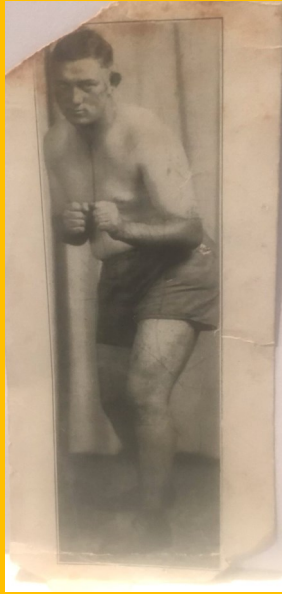
The business closed in the early 1950's and was used as storage until the current owner Terry Lake bought it in 2008. A large group of people from the Oliver Tractor Association toured this building on the Oliver Tractor Parade day.



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

**By Kathy Marsteller Coup**

To the left is a picture of Geo. (Ike) Harden. Ike along with Hank Coup were the heavy weight and light weight representatives for the Talmage Community. Almost every small town in the surrounding area had boxers to represent them. It was called Golden Gloves.



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**HOURS: Wed., Friday,  
Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m.  
or by appointment.**

## ***Around Town***

# ***Christmas Open House***

The museum will host the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Open House on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The open house tradition was started in the 1970's by Joe and Ester Berkley when they had the bank at this location. Each year a coffee mug was given to the people who attended. The museum serves coffee that day from those very mugs. As an added attraction the Talmage Quartet will sing Christmas songs throughout the afternoon. Come and join us for a fun time!



## ***Talmage School***



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