

# Talmage Historical SocietyMuseum & Library Newsletter

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Calendar Sunday, Sept. 16 The Talmage Library and Event Center will host Talmage graduates for the Annual All-School Reunion on Sunday, September 16 for a potluck dinner which begins at 12:30. Drinks and table service provided.

October 20 Marci Penner and Wendy Rowe will share information about exploring Kansas from their book, "The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers" at 7 p.m. Hamburger/hot dog feed by donation only at 6 p.m.

In Memoriam **Eunice Hoover Engle** 12/25/1923-5/16/2018 **Twila Engle** 5/02/1936-8/26/2018 **Patsy Fields** 10/25/1937-7/20/2018 Juanita Foster 7/31/1925-6/16/2018 **Dwight Kuntz** 9/17/1945-7/27/2018 Henry Sanchez 3/13/1944-8/19/2018 Marie Strunk 8/6/1925-8/13/2018 **Donald VanScoyoc** 9/17/1951-5/18/2018 **Gary Yocum** 3/16/1938-5/21/2018

# Library to host authors Penner and Rowe

Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe of the Kansas Sampler Foundation spent four years going to every one of the 626 incorporated cities in Kansas. The result of their research journey is The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers.

On October 20, 2018 at 7 p.m., following a 6 p.m. hamburger/hot dog feed, Penner and Rowe will come to the Talmage Library and Event Center (the former school) in Talmage to present "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas".

Penner said, "We will take the audience on a picture journey throughout the state sharing road trip ideas and telling stories about our adventures. From restaurant suggestions to art, architecture, history, geography and more, we'll give you a sampling of what to see in Kansas and share tips on how to explore."

After the program, the coauthors will sign and sell the *Kansas Guidebook* 2. The 480page, coil-bound book is chock



A model of Talmage School building created by Roger Watt and Ronnie Phillips.

full of information that can be used to plan Kansas road trips. Along with 4,500 entries that provide descriptions, directions, hours, and contact information, there are more than 1,600 color pictures. Rowe says, "Many people will be interested in the 843 restaurants, cafes, drive-in's, and soda fountains!"

The book is designed to help achieve the Foundation's mission to preserve and sustain rural culture. Penner says, "though the book reads like a travel guide, it's intended to help people get to know the state and learn about towns of every size."

Among the diverse entries, guidebook users will find historic bridges, beautiful statues, specialty shops, quirky sites, little known points-of-interest, cemetery finds, bike trails and backroad scenic drives statewide. Rowe said, "There really is something for everyone whether you are looking for outdoor sties or ways to get to know a town."

The event is free, and the hamburger/hot dog feed at 6 p.m. is by donation only.

# Talking History with Verl Coup...

We've had a very busy summer at the museum. The Paul Lenhart family had part of their reunion here. Peggy and Linda (Wickham) Banks brought their uncle Wayne Banks to the museum.

Bruce Maybell called and said he and his sister Karen will both be at the All -School Reunion this year. I received a handwritten note from Don Shorman; it's always good to hear from him. Don't forget the school reunion on September 16, and mark October 20 on your calendar for Marci Penner and Wendy Rowe's program about Kansas.

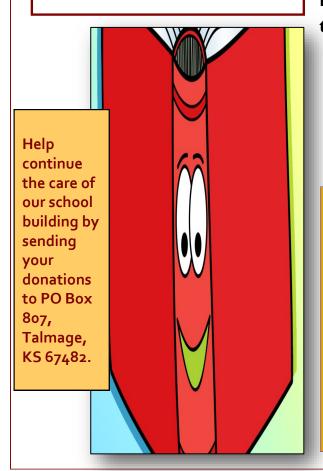


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# Have a story to share?

If you have a story to share with our readers about days gone by in the Talmage or surrounding communities, please e-mail thsoc@live.com or mail them to PO Box 766 Talmage, Kansas 67482





Talmage Grade School classmates from the 1962 eighth grade class who visited the museum and library included, front row, I to r, Beth Freeman and Sandra Holt; back row, I to r, Steve Britt, Jeanette Alexander, Greg Bebermeyer, and Karen Lake.

# Former Talmage Eighth Grade Class enjoys tour of museum and school building

A group of classmates that started kindergarten in 1962 at the Talmage Grade School recently visited the museum and school building, now the Talmage Library

and Event Center.

Following the tour, they enjoyed lunch and sharing memories of friends, school, and teachers.

## **Did You Know?**

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

A recent visitor to the museum, Mr. Wayne Banks, stated that he started the first grade in the Talmage School on the day it was dedicated in 1930. He graduated from that same building in 1942.



To go to 12 years of school in the same building is AMAZING!

# Soon to celebrate 90 years.. Frey and Lady spend entire lives near each other

#### By Verl Coup

This is a story about two gentlemen who will soon turn 90 years old and how their lives have paralleled each other.

Myron Lady was born April 2, 1929, and Chris Frey was born a little more than a month later on May 13, 1929. Myron's father was Chris's first cousin and they lived less than two miles apart.

According to Myron, when he was growing up, he spent many

hours at Chris's house because Chris's family had a sandbox with a roof over the top.

Both attended Zion Brethren in Christ Church, Chronister School, and Chapman High School. During this period, they still lived near each other.

Chris was married first, then Myron soon after. When asked if they attended the other's wedding, both said no, as each was married out of state, Chris in Iowa and Myron in California.

After their marriages, they then moved very close to each other again. They continued to attend the same church and both had families. Some of their children were the same age and attended school together.

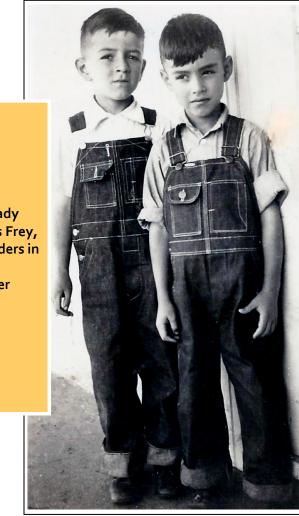
After Myron lost his wife, Mary, he soon moved to Abilene, a distance of about ten miles. Chris and Bonnie continue to live on the farm.

We look forward to celebrating their  $90^{th}$  birthdays.



Myron Lady and Chris Frey will celebrate 90 years of growing up together in April and May of 2019.

Myron Lady and Chris Frey, First Graders in 1935 at Chronister School.



## TALMAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## TALMAGE MUSEUM

2978 Main Street, P.O. Box 766 Talmage, Kansas 67482 thsoc@live.com HOURS: Mon., Wed., Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Closed Tues. & Thursday

### TALMAGE LIBRARY

2994 Main Street, P.O. Box 807 Talmage, Kansas 67482 talmagelibrary@gmail.com Summer Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. Saturday, 9-Noon Closed Sunday





A wreath was laid at the grave of Max Chase by the Chapman American Legion, honoring these deceased vets: Richard Allen, Warren Barclay, Richard L. Botz, Max A. Chase, Tracy L. Coup, Darrell R. Gibson, Donald P. Gormley, Ralland "Butch" Shivers, Rodney W. Watt, Roy A. Yant, Russell A. Yant. A 21 gun salute by the Legion Honor Guard, followed by taps, were played.

## Around Town...

# Memorial Day tribute honors Vietnam Veterans, 1955-75

Memorial Day May 28, 2018 The Prairiedale Cemetery hosted a tribute for Vietnamn Veterans at 10:30, May 28, with the Chapman American Legion Honor Guard, Post 240 in attendance as well as 12 living veterans.

Front Row, I to r: Miles Miller, 3rd from left, Kevin McKeeman. Back Row, I to r: Bill Coiner, Leroy



Bennett, Rodger Romberger, Mike McVicker, Harold Flax, Ray Lovelady, Wally Wolf. Standing, Kenny Chase.

Ron Lowry, standing R, presented each veteran with a hand-crafted commemorative pen.