



Talmage Historical Society

Museum & Library Newsletter

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Calendar

September 15, 2019
All School Reunion
12:30 p.m.

All former graduates and their friends and family are invited for a basket dinner.

Tableware and drinks provided.

September 21, 2019
Reunion

Blue Ridge & Talmage students reunite at the Talmage Library.
5-10 p.m.

October 12, 2019
Flea Market

& Soup Lunch
Shop and enjoy lunch, donation only.

October 13, 2019
Community BBQ

The community is invited to a barbecue at 6 p.m. at Talmage Library & Event Center.

In Memoriam

Charles Ausherman
9-08-46 6-06-19

Neva (Seely) Heck
1-31-25 6-25-19

Dale Jirik
7-07-26 6-23-19

Tina Lehner
4-14-71 5-31-19

Logan Ruhnke
5-05-86 7-22-19

Ledy family donates bench to museum



Marvin and Lois Ledy relax on a bench built by their son-in-law, Bob Anderes.

The Marvin and Lois Ledy family dedicated a new bench, which was placed in front of the Talmage Museum on August 17.

The bench, made by

their son-in-law Bob Anderes, is a fine addition to the museum.

The family moved to the Talmage community in

1945 and left when their home burned in 1974.

"We always felt like Talmage was our home," they said.

Talking History with Verl Coup...

Mr. Wayne Banks was a recent visitor to the museum. Visiting with Wayne is always a treat as he went all 12 years to the Talmage School. If it works for him, he would like to attend the school reunion on September 15.

Others in attendance will be the grade school class of 1959, who have been invited to a light brunch at 10 a.m. preceding the Annual All School Reunion, which is set for 12:30 at the Talmage Library & Event Center.



Verl Coup

Times they are a changing

By Verl Coup

The museum recently received a 1930's phone book courtesy of Linda (Bathurst) Martin. The phone book was once the property of Ralph and Mattie Laird.

As I read through the book I couldn't help but think that times have really changed. I read the advertising for Wallace Produce, telephone number 2. See how far you would get with that number now.

It reminded me of when I was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ in 1964. I tried to call home on Thanksgiving, and when the operator answered, I told her the number was 803 Talmage, Kansas. She explained that I had to have more numbers, and I told her that it was a ring down from Abilene. She said that she would have to get her supervisor. The supervisor knew what to do and I finally got connected.

I remember the old telephone office in Talmage. Lou Book and Iva Coup took turns being at the office as there had to be someone there at all times, 24 hours a day. When you called the operator they would answer "number please" and you gave them a number, after which they connected you. But if the number was long distance, they would call Abilene and they would connect to that central office and then they would connect you with that number.

Unless it was an emergency, you never called long distance because it cost money. A long distance call to Abilene cost 10 cents for a minute, 13 cents for 3 minutes. Most small communities had an office, so if you lived in this area, it was either Talmage, Manchester, Industry or Buckeye.

At the museum we have phone books for many different years, and I ask people what their number was when they were growing up. Most people can recall the number immediately just like a veteran can recall his service number.

A young visitor asked what that big thing was on the wall, and I told him it was an old time telephone. He replied that it would be pretty heavy to carry around.

Yes, times they are a changing!



Did You Know?

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

There were twelve one-room schools that were within five miles driving distance from Talmage.

Come to the All School Reunion on September 15 at the Talmage Library and Event Center.



Young readers learn about the universe and the treasures of reading... Former community member guides young readers

By Shawni Britt Sheets

Thanks to Rhonda (Noel) Thornburrow's dedication to the Talmage community, the Talmage Library and Event Center hosted another successful summer reading program during June and July.

"I volunteered to do the reading camp because I felt it was a way to support the activities and library of the Talmage Library and Event Center," said Thornburrow. "My entire life has been spent with K-12 students, and it is what I have loved doing for years."

Thornburrow, who is the Anthony Middle School librarian for the Manhattan, Kansas school district, enjoys middle school children and the role she plays in their lives each day.

"It may sound sappy," Thornburrow said, "but what I most enjoy are the children of all ages that attend the program. The Talmage community of children are not any different than my students at Anthony Middle School...the smiles, the hard to reach, the challenges to make their day extra special and guide them toward a love of reading...that's what makes my day."

Judging by the enthusiasm of both the children and adults who enjoyed Summer Reading Camp 2019, Thornburrow reached her target audience and more.

"I most enjoyed watching the enthusiasm between Rhonda and the children," said Library Board Vice President Barbara Wuthnow, who assisted. "My grandchildren and others who attended were so excited to come to the reading camp every day."

Thornburrow, the daughter of the late Loren and Alberta Noel, credits her mother with her early and ongoing love of reading. She fondly remembers trips to the Abilene Public Library and attending their summer reading program each summer.



Some of the readers choose prizes for their participation.

Thornburrow was a classroom teacher for fifteen years before she received her Master's in Library Science while at St. George Elementary. She has been a librarian in the Manhattan School District for fourteen years.

If you see Rhonda, thank her. She touched the lives of many in our community through her time in Talmage.



Outdoor activities were enjoyed by the readers.

Rhonda Noel Thornburrow teaches a new game.



A grant from Dickinson County Community Foundation funded a new computer for the children's library.

Readers learn through reading and activities.



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Around Town...

Pat Bowell creates logo for Talmage Museum

By Shawni Britt Sheet

A new logo was installed on the front of the Talmage Museum on August 21. Pat Bowell, who has designed and placed most of the exhibits in the museum, created the logo, which is an updated version of a logo she created for the Talmage Historical Society in 2010.

The first logo, which was quickly drawn in ink, during the first week of August in 2010 for the Historical Society, was created for the nonprofit's letterhead.

Bowell painted the updated logo during the past six weeks, and Roger Watt helped with the logistics of mounting the logo on the building.



The original logo created in 2010 for the Talmage Historical Society.

Pedestrians and those driving by the Talmage Museum can now admire a colorful logo hung on the front of the museum by Roger Watt and Pat Bowell. The logo is an updated version of one created by Bowell in 2010.