

Talmage Historical Society

Museum & Library Newsletter

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Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 9
Open House

The Talmage Museum
Christmas Open House
will be Sunday,
December 9, 2-4 p.m.,
at the museum.

Museum Winter Hours

The Talmage Museum
will be closed on Nov.
21-25, and open again
on the 26 after
Thanksgiving. The
museum will also be
closed for Christmas on
Dec. 22 and will reopen
on Dec. 28. For
appointments during
the holidays, call
785/388-2565.

Library Winter Hours

New winter hours for
the Talmage Library
and Event Center will
be Monday,
Wednesday, and
Saturday, 1-4 p.m., or
by appointments,
call 785/643-9126.
The library will be
closed during snow or
other inclement
weather conditions.

In Memoriam

Norma Jean Cooley
Sanders-Mallott
11/25/1938-2/01/2018
Jack Meehan
7/25/1926-10/27/2018
Jerry Sleichter
6/03/1927-10/24/2018

Colonel Everett Stewart: A true hero

By Verl Coup

This is a story about a young man who became a WWII hero: Colonel Everett W. Stewart, who was born July 18, 1915 on a farm just north of Talmage. He attended Talmage Grade School and graduated from Talmage High School in 1933. He then attended Kansas State College and was commissioned Second LT Infantry Reserve on May 30, 1938.

Soon after Colonel Stewart enlisted in the Army Air Corps and completed flying training at Kelly Field in Texas. His first duty was in Louisiana, then he was sent to California and from there to Hawaii.

On December 7, 1941 the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor as well as the air field where Colonel Stewart was stationed. In his account of



Colonel Everett W. Stewart, a WWII hero, who grew up on a farm north of Talmage.

that day, he stated that he could see his plane from his apartment window and it was on fire.

He was then assigned to the European Theater and was stationed in England. His job was to protect the allied bombers as they made their way across France and Germany. Having engaged the German fighter pilots

many times he was credited with 10 1/2 victories and had approximately 3500 hours of flying time. He was awarded many medals as well as the title of "Ace". He always said he was from the same area as his Commander in Chief General Dwight D Eisenhower; a place just northwest of Abilene called Talmage.

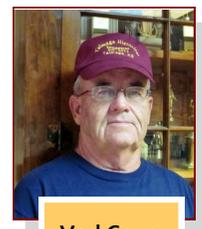
Talking History with Verl Coup...

September, October, and November were real busy months for the museum. Over 250 guests have filed through our front door. This includes a bus tour sponsored by First National Bank of Hope. It was unusual to see a big tour bus on the main street of Talmage.

Bruce Maybell brought his sister Karen to the all school reunion. It was the first time in many a year that she had been to Talmage.

Our Christmas open house will be December 9 from 2pm to 4pm, come and enjoy coffee and cookies served just like the Berkley's did.

The replica of Old Talmage is now on display where the Library was located in the museum. Roger Watt and Ronnie Phillips have done an outstanding job.



Verl Coup



The United States flag and the Kansas flag welcome visitors to the Talmage Library and Event Center, located in the old Talmage School building.

The flags are flying again...

By **Pat Bowell**

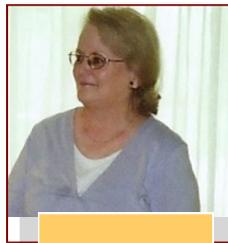
Several community members remarked that they would like to see the flags fly again at the Talmage School, now the Talmage Library and Event Center.

It took a community to get it done, working around rain, wind and snow, but the flags are flying again, thanks to Verl Coup, Pat Bowell, Barbara Wuthnow, Bonnie Funk, and Shawni Sheets.

Walk the Gym

Come view the flags and join us for a new program at the library "Winter-Walk the Gym" at the old school gym.

Every Saturday this winter, from 1-4 p.m., anyone may come and go as they please and walk in a warmer climate.



Pat Gormley Bowell

If there is enough interest, the winter hours to "walk the gym" may be expanded to other afternoons the library is open.

The new winter hours for the library are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 1-4 p.m., except during inclement weather.

Did You Know?

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

Robson Oil has taken over management of the Talmage Service Station for fuel only. They will accept most major credit cards, plus their own.

Thank you, Robson Oil!



Circa 1920's to 1950's...

Watt, Phillips recreate Talmage Main Street

**By
Verl Coup**

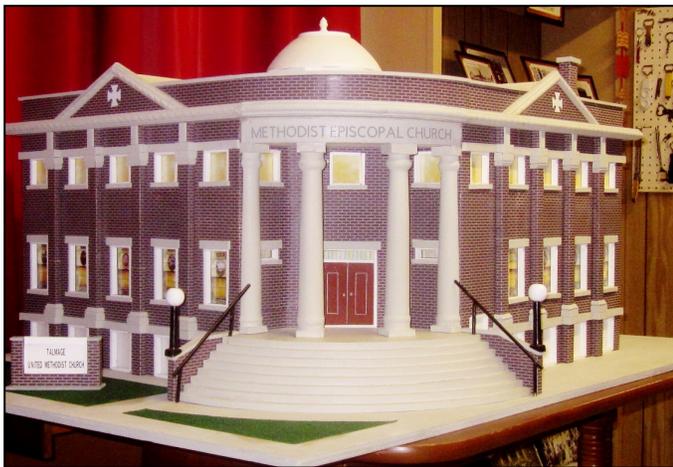
At the Talmage Museum, Roger Watt and Ronnie Phillips have recreated nineteen businesses from 1920's and 1930's Talmage Main Street, as well as six other iconic buildings we all remember through the 1950's.

Main Street took 495 hours to reproduce, with the Methodist Episcopal Church alone adding 165 more hours to the project.

The scale of the buildings is 1/24, one inch for every two feet of building.

To look at the entire project is to experience nostalgia for the days gone by. A trip down memory lane cannot be avoided, as everyone has a different story to tell.

What an opportunity to get some insight into what those days gave us...our history. Stop in.



Left: Methodist Episcopal Church reproduction.

Below: Talmage Main Street reproduction.



TALMAGE MUSEUM

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HOURS: Mon., Wed., Friday,

Saturday & Sunday, 2-4 p.m.

Or by appointment, call 785/200-0214.

Closed Tues. & Thursday

TALMAGE LIBRARY & EVENT CENTER

2994 Main Street, P.O. Box 807

Talmage, Kansas 67482

talmagelibrary@gmail.com

Winter Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday
afternoon, 1-4 p.m. or by reservation.

Call 785/643-9126. Closed Sunday

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www.talmagekansas.com

Talmage Library & Event Center



*Plan your next event
and help continue the care
of our old school building
(now your library and event center)
by sending your donations to
Talmage Library
PO Box 807, Talmage, KS 67482.*

Around Town

Penner and Rowe share special Kansas destinations

The Kansas Sampler Foundation's Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe, authors of *The Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers*, presented "Exploring the Nooks and Crannies of Kansas" picture tour of Kansas to a large appreciative crowd at the Talmage Public Library and Event Center on Oct. 20.

The free event included a picture journey of wonderfully unusual places throughout the state, with odd stops at out of the way places and tips on how to explore our state.

Penner and Rowe spent four years going to every one of the 626 incorporated cities in Kansas to help achieve the Foundation's mission to preserve and sustain rural culture in Kansas.

Preceding the event, a community hot dog and hamburger feed took place at the old schoolhouse which benefited the Talmage Library and Event Center, a

place many families are using for events of all kinds: meetings, reunions, showers, family gatherings, and other special events.



Photo Courtesy of Marci Penner