

Talmage Historical Society

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Calendar

March 18

CFDC Donate Day!

March 19

Talmage Quartet will perform a variety show at the Talmage Library & Event Center, 6 p.m. followed by refreshments.

April 9

Talmage Senior Center Soup Supper, 4-7 p.m.

In Memoriam

John M. Adee

7/22/1969-12/28/2021

Antonio "Tony"

Anguiano

3/30/1929-1/05/2022

Eva "Wanita"

Davidson Carnter

1/29/1922-11/29/2021

Glen F. Gibbs

8/10/1936-02/26/2022

Robert L. Hartenstein

4/09/1936-01/03/2022

Penni Britt Heller

4/27/1963-01/10/2022

Ronald Lowry

1/16/1944-12/02/2021

Carolyn Fields

Mattison

9/18/1932-12/06/2021

Sheryl Ponton

Schifbauer

9/05/1955-02/08/2022

Garrit Smith

10/24/2002-01/11/2022

Audrey Wingard

Steenbock

8/30/1941-1/15/2022

Dennis Zook

02/05/1953-02/24/2022

Bebermeyer family donates support

By Shawni Britt-Sheets

Longtime community members and supporters, Kenny and Shirley Bebermeyer (now deceased) and their children have once again stepped up to help ensure the life of the old Talmage School building with a \$25,000 donation to the Talmage Library & Event Center's Enabled Fund, which is part of the Talmage Library Endowment Fund.

"The Enabled Funds are funds that can be used at any time to support building repairs or other library needs," Community Foundation Director Elizabeth Weese said. "It is a part of the Talmage Library & Event Center's Endowment Fund, which are funds that stay in place for the long-term success of this growing nonprofit. Our annual Donate Day, March 18, gives the community a chance to add to this fund.



The Bebermeyer family: Shirley and Kenny, seated; left to right, Greg Bebermeyer, Sheryl Lundquist, Kathy Hoover, Mary Bebermeyer, and Sandy Rometti.

The Bebermeyers were instrumental in supporting the longevity of the school building in its earlier history when they, along with other members of The Lord's

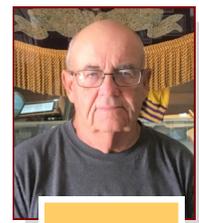
Chapel helped purchase the building for use as a church.

"We wanted to show our support for what the library board is doing for the area," the Bebermeyers said.

Talking History with Verl Coup...

The pandemic has given me more time to do research and redo some of my files. One of my projects is to investigate the many files that Marie Strunk had compiled on one room schools. At one time there were about 120 schools in Dickinson County. Pat Bowell has taken on the project and soon there will be a large map with pictures and a district number for each school.

Remember to save the dates for Donate Day, March 18th; Talmage Quartet's variety show for the community at 6 p.m., March 19 at the Talmage Library & Event Center (refreshments follow); and the Talmage Senior Center annual soup supper from 4-7 pm., April 9.



Verl Coup

Donate Dickinson County Day

To help them continue their mission of “being a resource for area nonprofits,” the Community Foundation will host its fourth match day.

Donate Dickinson County Day will be held on **March 18, 2022.**

Donate Dickinson County Day aims to help area nonprofit organizations/agencies raise monies for their endowment funds.

Tim and Brenda Holm have graciously agreed to be the match donors this year. They have generously donated \$50,000! Partnered with the Foundation, our available funding to match will once again be \$100,000.

The Community Foundation will match up to \$5K per agency/organization until funds are exhausted.

Donate Day Guidelines

- To qualify for the match, the organization/agency must have an endowed fund at the Community Foundation.
- Donations may be made in person at the Community Foundation or online at www.donatedickinson.com to be able to participate in the match, and donations must be made **on** March 18, 2022.
- There is no minimum donation or limit that donors may contribute to an endowed fund; however, the match will be limited to \$5K per agency/organization until funds are exhausted.
- Donations are tax-deductible and can be made to multiple organizations/agencies. Donor information will be shared only with the pertinent nonprofit organization or agency.

If you can't make it to Abilene, you can call us at the library or museum and drop by your donations to us prior to Friday, March 18, or on that day.

RESERVE YOUR DATE TO USE THE TALMAGE LIBRARY & EVENT CENTER

By Shawni Britt Sheets

Because of your donations and support, the library board has been able to make improvements to our facility, which make it a place where you can host your friends, family, organizations, and events.

We are so much more than a place you can check out books, magazines, and use the internet. We are a destination and a space where you can host any small or large gathering.

People have used the Talmage Library & Event Center for anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions, family holidays, family playtime, bridal showers, baby showers, pickleball, and concerts, just to name some of the activities we've hosted.

The Dickinson County Historical Society had planned to host the Statehood Ball in our building until Covid cancelled those plans. They have plans to host next year's Statehood Ball at the Talmage Library & Event Center.

Why are people so eager to use our building? We have a kitchen, dining room, game room, gym, adult library, children's library, and a stage...not to mention lots of space to spread out!

We are a 501c3 nonprofit so we don't charge a fee. We just ask that people consider making a donation to help us defray some of the costs of utilities. Cooling, heating, and lighting our large facility is our major expense.

Spread the word and call us today to reserve your time for celebration!

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The seeds were planted in Talmage, Kansas...

Local chapter of fraternal organization created

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

Carol Peterson sent this picture of a ribbon that she recently found while going through some family memories. Modern Woodmen of America was a Fraternal Organization that remains active today.

The organization's main cause was to help families who had lost their major breadwinner. It was started in Talmage in early 1900 and was called Camp #8077.

The (in Memoriam) Ribbon was for her great uncle, John Edward Foster, who had died shortly after the organization was started.

Also listed is Frank Foster, another great uncle of Carol's, along with other familiar names.

The article was taken from the Manchester Motor, a weekly newspaper printed in 1900.

Thank you Carol.



A Modern Woodmen of America ribbon, which was presented to John Edward Foster, a great uncle of Carol Peterson, who presented the ribbon to the Talmage Museum.

Woodmen Camp at Talmage.

A new camp of the M. W. of A. was instituted at Talmage last Friday night by Deputy Head Consul H. I. Brown and Assistant Head Consul W. A. Reaugh. The following members of Manchester camp went down and assisted in the organization: J. H. Bohl, H. C. Glenn, J. L. Young, L. C. Moore, W. W. Hush, Wm. Baker, J. S. Iliff, Sherred Taylor, Geo. Taylor, H. F. Dakin, Chas. Higgins, W. B. Higgins, A. Beach, R. T. Holmes and J. T. Perry.

The new camp will be known as Talmage camp No. 8,077, and starts out with twenty-two members. The officers are:

Venerable Consul—A. C. Dietz.
Worthy Advisor—F. E. Luker.
Banker—W. Iliff.
Clerk—H. G. Hoffman.
Escort—Frank Foster.
Watchman—T. L. Iliff.
Sentry—B. Bell.
Managers—W. E. Luker, E. E. Car-nine and R. Townsend.

The other members of the new camp are W. D. Whitney, W. W. Watt, C. H. Stickney, C. H. Peterson, Joseph Pease, S. B. Hislop, J. E. Foster, W. M. Beatty, A. H. Moore, and Alex Young.



MARCH 18TH

8 am - 4:30 pm

418 NW 3RD

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Where your dollars double to make a difference!

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Help Area Non-Profits grow their permanent funds!

YOU GIVE, WE MATCH - UP TO \$100,000 -

Thanks to the generosity of Tim and Brenda Holm, our \$50,000 Donate Dickinson County Match donors!

The Chase Family

Chase brothers and their mother arrive in 1875

By Jennifer Smidt

Originally of Norman origin, “le Chacur” appears in old English records and is taken to mean “Chaser” meaning hunter.

The head of the Kansas Chase family, Josephus and his wife Irena, moved to Geary County near Humboldt Creek, in 1857. Sadly, Josephus caught “gold fever” and died in a Colorado gold camp in 1861, having contracted “tick fever.”

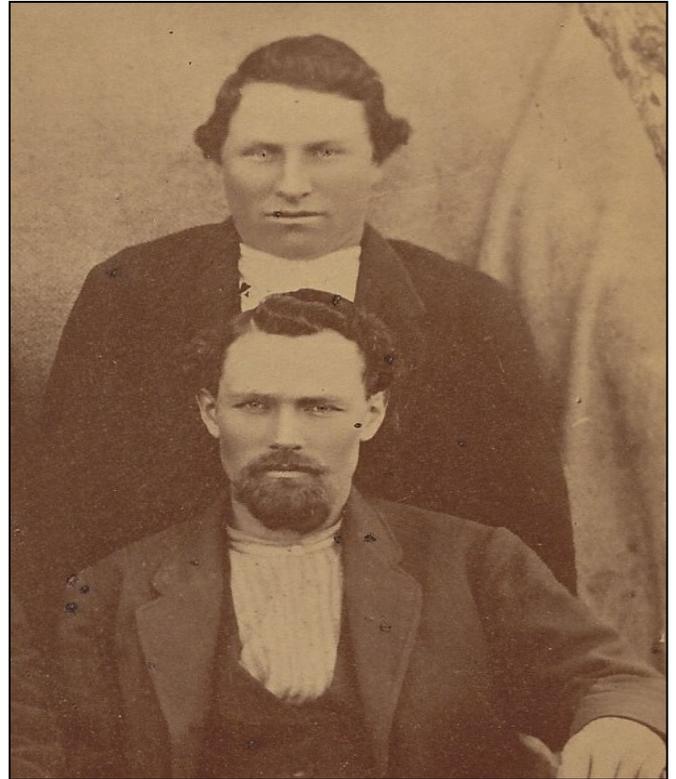
Justus and Frank Chase were among his sons, who later with their mother, Irena, bought land in Dickinson County in 1875.

Justus was the great grandfather of Kenny Chase, whose father was Lowell and grandfather Arthur.

Frank was the great grandfather of John Chase, whose father was Wendell and grandfather William.

The brothers bought adjoining land in Sections 23 and 24 of Willowdale township where John still lives (23) today.

There were many Chase offspring whose families deemed education important and so Chase School in Section 24, operated for approximately 36 years before consolidating with Talmage in 1907.



The Chase brothers: Justus, nicknamed Jesse, born in 1846, seated; and Frank, born in 1851.

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