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### *Amazing find uncovered at Historical Society*

Rock County Historical Society President, Betty Mann, is always on the look-out for Luverne and Rock County History. In late June, Betty was searching through a box of glass plate negatives that were donated to the museum by Myhre's Studio.

In one of the boxes she uncovered this wonderful photo of MAUDE WALTERS. This photo was taken before she married Herman Jochims on January 19, 1919 at the age of 34.

It is very possible that the photo was taken when she graduated from

high school in the late 1880's or shortly thereafter.

Maude Walters Jochims was a beautiful woman. In the article printed in the Thursday, April 7, 1949 Rock County Star Herald it stated: "Maude was a glamour girl in every sense of the word." "She had a flair for the dramatic – she had an exotic taste and a shrewd eye for color." "Maude could have been a movie star."

This photo is proof why those words ring true!

**See pages 13-14 for more  
Palace History information.**

## News

During this past quarter, the Alumni News received money in the form of memorials and gifts totalling \$2,220. In the memorial section, **the individual being memorialized is printed in bold print**, followed by the individual or individuals who made the gift. Contributions given by graduates and friends follow the list of memorials.

**Thank you for your support!**

### NOTE:

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**What We've Heard**  
**Compiled by Jane Wildung Lanphere**

**Isabelle (Goodale) De Boer (LHS 33)** writes from her home in Mesa, AZ: “Following graduating from Luverne High School, I took the Teacher Training Course in 1934. I taught in Rock, Nobles and Pipestone Counties. In 1935 I married Herman De Boer of Leota, MN and put my teaching career on the shelf while I operated a small town café and produced three children. I went back to teaching following WWII. I taught 6 years in the Leota rural 2-room school. Then I taught 2 years in Adrian (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and completed my career in Edgerton. During that time, I completed my Bachelor of Science degree at Sioux Falls College. Herman passed away in 1978. That fall, I moved to Arizona to be near my children. On September 13, 2015 I will celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I live at 5202 East McKellips Road, Lot 125, in Mesa, Arizona. If you are in the area, drop in between 2 and 3:30 pm to celebrate with me.”

**Nick Uilk (LHS 03)** was recently awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta, SDSU Chapter 2015 Outstanding Teaching Awards. Gamma Sigma Delta is the National Honor Society of Agriculture. Nic is an Agricultural Systems Technology instructor at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Nick received his undergraduate in Ag Systems Technology from SDSU in 2008, and his Master’s in Education in 2001 also from SDSU.

**Len Hansen (LHS 45)** writes from his home in St. Peter, MN in April: “I was interested in reading about Maude Jochims. My wife is Irene Lopic. Before we married, Irene was an usher at the Palace Theatre for several years and was also mentioned in the Palace book that Bonnie Holmied Jordahl wrote. Both Irene and I enjoy reading the Alumni News.”

**Audrey (Luethje) Gabrielson (LHS 43)** sends a note about her memories at the Historic Palace Theatre. Audrey lives in Luverne.

“I remember lots of fun times at the Palace – all the good shows, Maude at the organ, birthday parties. It was a good place for parents to send the birthday girl and her friends...I remember it was 10 cents a person at one time. I also remember that many tap dancing classes had their recitals at the Palace.”

“Mrs. Jochims was a friend of my father’s and approached him one day for some help. There was a radio weekly program – “The Major Bowls Amateur Hour” and Herman had booked them to appear at the Palace. He had one contestant about my age (10 or 12) and he wanted me to come to the theatre to meet her and spend an afternoon riding bicycles. My father rounded up an extra bicycle and the two of us spent the afternoon riding around town. We even had a treat at Long’s Café at Main Street and Highway 75. Needless to say, I got into the performance at the Palace for free.”

“Remember when they redecorated; the beautiful colors and especially the lower level. Bessie Holmied was at the ticket booth to take our money. I can’t ever remember paying inside.”

“I am so happy that the Blue Mound Area Theatre Board of Directors over the years has taken such great care of the Palace. The theatre is a treasure for this community that we enjoy today and for decades in the future.”

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## Remembering our Classmates

Compiled by Carol McDonald

### 1940-1949

**Joseph Wiggins '40** of Storm Lake, Iowa died September 22, 2010 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center in Newell. After graduation, he farmed with his parents in the Hardwick and Luverne areas. He was united in marriage January 17, 1948, to Veronica Reder. They farmed in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, area before moving to Linn Grove, Iowa and then to the Storm Lake area. They were blessed with five children. Joe was an active member of Farm Bureau and helped with area 4-H activities. His passion for farming included raising sheep and cattle. Grateful to have shared his life are his wife of 61 years, Veronica, his son Michael (Joyce) Wiggins, his daughters Patricia (Thom) Feally, Ann (Todd) Jamieson, and Teresa (John) Guthmann. eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive him. Other survivors include brothers, Fred (Gloria) Wiggins, and **James '42** (Lorraine) Wiggins, sister Martha Wiggins, as well as nieces, nephews, and many other relatives.

**Lorian DePauw '41** died May 1, 2015 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. After graduation Lorain served in the U.S. Army in the infantry from September 1942 to March 1946 and was awarded the Bronze Star. He married Audrey Jones on April 5, 1947 in Luverne. After their marriage the couple lived in Luverne. Lorain worked at Backer-Goehle Hardware in Luverne for ten years. He then worked at Luverne Fire Apparatus for more than 30 years, retiring in 1987. He enjoyed fishing, camping and working with wood. Lorain is survived by his wife, Audrey DePauw, three daughters, **Pat '66** (Bruce) Koglin **Cheryl '68** (Alan) Enger, and Barb (Gary) Haraldson, seven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Marvin "Whitey" Helling '41** of Englewood Fl. and Shoreview, MN died on November 30, 2014 at the age of 91 After graduation he attended Macalester College earning degrees in history and education. He played on the football, basketball, and track teams and was inducted into the Macalester Hall of Fame. During WW!! He served as the commander of a combat ship in the South Pacific. In 1948 he married Marcia Hanson of Redwood Falls, MN. His teaching and coaching careers in Minnesota included Jackson, Detroit Lakes and Minneapolis Washburn. In 1957 he became head football coach of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

He coached in Sioux for 11 years and was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.

He later served as Associate Director of the Minnesota State High School League from 1972-1985. He enjoyed golf, fishing and travel and was a lifetime sports fan. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marcia; daughter Karen MacCarter, son, Mark (Kate) Helling, son; Steve (Jeanette) Helling, sister **Doreen '51**, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

**Howard Emery '46** died May 18, 2015 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. He served his country in the U.S. Navy Air Force from December 1950- October 1954. On July 14, 1952 he married Mary Helen McRoberts in Luverne. After his honorable discharge, the couple started farming north of Luverne. After five years they moved to a farm east of Beaver Creek. In 1971 Howard and Mary built a house north of Luverne and continued farming until 1985. The couple moved to Scottsdale, AZ and Howard worked for Dollar Rental Car. In 2011 they returned to Luverne. Howard enjoyed golfing, and fishing. He loved the farm and being on the farm. He is survived by his wife **Mary '50** Emery, a son, **Mark '72** (Deb) Emery, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; a brother LeRoy "Buster" (Ardella) Emery and a sister-in-law, Sara (Richard) Dorn.

**Genevieve Smook McClure '46** died May 13, 2015 in Sioux Falls, SD. On January 25, 1947 she married John "Buster" McClure in Luverne. After their marriage the couple farmed northeast of Luverne. They moved to Luverne in 1991. Gen was a homemaker. She also worked at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Home for more than ten years. Later she worked at the Heritage House and as a salesperson at the Luverne Style Shop. She enjoyed embroidery and cross-stitching. Gen is survived by four sons, **Rodney '66** (Donna) McClure, **David '67** (Martha) McClure, **Bruce '73** (Jodie) McClure, and **Greg McClure '77**, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and other friends and relatives.



**1950-1959**

**Margaret Fritz Nelson '53** died May 3, 2015 in Worthington. She worked as a clerk for the city of Luverne. On July 23, 1976 she married Marv Nelson. After their marriage the couple lived in Luverne. They owned and operated The Corner Shop in Luverne. Margaret was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She enjoyed reading and traveling. Four children, Paula (Wayne) Kolander, Peggy Williamson, Kathleen, Georgia, Pam Verde, and Tim (Denise Bentson, sight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, survive her.

**Richard "Dick" Willoughby '53** of Cushing, MN died June 5, 2015. He served in the US Navy for two years. Dick was united in marriage to Veronica "Vonnie" Biever on June 18, 1960. Dick owned a metal fabricating business and retired in 2005. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading western books, watching John Wayne movies, playing cards and keeping busy going to his grandkids' events. Dick is survived by his wife Vonnie; five children, Mary (Jerry) Dengerud, Julie (Rock) Stone, Dan Willoughby, Robyn (Mark) Lampert and Dave Willoughby; seven grandkids.

**John "Jumpy" Serie' 59** died May 4, 2015 at the New Richland Care Center. After graduation he attended Worthington Community College and Mankato State University. On October 29, 1966 he married Ahne Baumgartner in Luverne. He traveled with a family-owned carnival for several years. In 1972 they bought Luverne Lanes Bowling Alley, which they owned and operated for 30 years. He also did sanding and refinishing of hardwood floors in addition to owning and operating a tent rental business. He enjoyed fishing, watching sports, fixing things, teasing people and making them laugh. John is survived by his wife Ahne Serie, seven children, **Jorge '88** (Martha) Serie, Julie (Michael) Hawk, **Jona '90** (Joseph) Winkleman, **Joe '94** (Dawn) Serie, Jill (Robert) Lambert, **Joy'93** (Todd) Amunrud, and **Nicolos '95** (Kayla) Serie, 23 grandchildren, four siblings, **Tom Serie '61**, Laura (Terry) Akkerman, **Nan'69** (Tom) Skattum, and **Rick '70** (Carol) Serie and many other friends and relatives

**1960-1969**

**Darrell Huiskes '64** died April 17, 2015 at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Following his education, he entered the U.S. National Guard. Upon completion of his training, he went to work for Luverne Fire Apparatus. On August 26, 1966, Darrell married Anna Vermeer. The couple made their home in Luverne. Darrell took a job with the Luverne Police Department and then began his career with the city of Luverne in 1970. He later became the public works director where he was instrumental in developing and the city, beautifying the community, and improving the quality of life. Some examples of this hard work and dedication to the city of Luverne are; the indoor swimming pool and fitness center, the baseball fields, maintaining the hockey rink by the river park, and creating multiple pocket parks within the city. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He was proud of the trees down Blue Mound Avenue when in bloom and all the other trees he planted around town. Darrell is survived by his wife, **Anna Huiskes '57**, two daughters, **Audra Kern '85**, and **Tricia Huskies '90**, five grandchildren; his mother Dorothy Huiskes, eight siblings, **Diane '65** (Glen) Malmquist, **David '67** (Shirley) Huiskes, **Darla '69** (Keith) Schmuck, **Donna '69** (Lon) Remme, **Marcia '72** (Don) Bork, **Jim '73** (Mary) Huiskes, **Dawn '79** (Dan) DeWispelaere, and **Kathy '81** (Jeff) Wilsey and other friends and relatives.

**Barbara M. Bauerly Jensen '65** of Sioux City, passed away May 13, 2015. After graduation she went on to receive her nursing diploma from St. Joseph's School of Nursing. She earned her bachelor's degree from Briar Cliff and was working on her masters. Barb Married James Jensen in 1969 in Sioux City. She spent 32 years at St. Luke's, with 20 of those years teaching at the school of nursing. and 12 years at Mercy before retiring. She was a very kind and caring nurse and enjoyed teaching young nurses. Barb enjoyed traveling, family gatherings, and spending time with her grandchildren. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jensen; her son, David (Lori) Jensen, two grandchildren, brother, Gail (Betty) Bauerly; sisters-in-law, Ally Bauerly, Dawn Bauerly and Eileen Johnson Jensen Anderson; her brother-in-law, Rex Hansen.

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Patick Churchill  
Benjamin Cox  
Lindsay Cronin  
April Feucht  
Mirjam Heller  
Benjamin Herreid  
Tim Kaiser  
Brenden Kurrasch  
Angie VanKlei Mann  
Cory Medill  
Jonathan Menning  
Anthony Mulder  
Joshua Alan Nath  
Scott Nath  
Annie Oksness

**Class of 1994**

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Eric Berning  
Travis Bird  
Lee Hart  
Steven Knutson  
Matthew Lupkes  
Aaron Olson  
Tracey Renken  
Jeffrey Rollingler  
Randy Sasker  
Joseph Serie  
Tonya Tweet

**Class of 1989**

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Timothy Bollinger  
Todd Eernisse  
Kimberly Evans  
Tammy Franken  
Aaron Gruenewald  
Susan Harms

**Continue of Class 1989**

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Gary Kruger

Mark Madtson  
Heather Wynia Poe  
Federico Salazar  
Jolene Schneidermann  
Kimberly Bush VonTersch

**Class of 1988**

James Buss  
Don Buss  
Anthony Carroll  
Jeffrey DeGroot  
Brenda Halverson  
Pamela Kessler  
Scott Kruger  
Machelle Sandbulte Krull  
Alisa Maras Buss  
Jon Maras  
Janeen Marr  
Lance Oldhausen  
Rebecca Opsata  
Vincent Stickels  
David Streeby  
Peggy Stroh  
Bryan Thorson  
Michele Degroot Weber  
Ann Zewiske  
Mandel Zwann

**Class of 1981**

Beth Boelman  
Marjorie Alexander Edberg  
Lori Groth  
Paul Juhl  
Sherry Korthals  
Mjke Stroeh  
Kathy Huiskes Wilsey

**Class of 1976**

Barbara Briggs  
Christine Carlsen Debey  
Julie Emery  
Kevin Engen  
Julie Scheerhorn Fodness  
Stephanie Olsen Freund  
Robert Frey  
Sandra McClure Johnson  
Jay Lindmeyer  
Gloria Meyer  
Sharon Frahm Nieuwboer  
Shirley Plasterer Olson  
Penny Ohlen Owen  
DeAnna Rawls  
William Ripley  
Dale Smedsrud  
Tammie Jungers Swenson

**Class of 1974**

Greg Benson  
Jim Bolte  
Ann Caley Brantsen  
Delwyn Huenink  
Tim Kreutter  
Peg Mulligan Rauch

Kammi Staeffler Biber  
Jennifer Chapin Sneed  
Lori Ehlers  
David L Kannenberg  
James Keiper  
Thomas Luke  
Greggory Maras  
Karla Reu  
Rob Telford  
Sara Rud Wells

**Class of 1984**

Lois Jacobsma Brockey  
Troy Anthony Buss  
Troy Fodness  
Elizabeth Gits Hackett  
Brian Hansen  
Sheila Eiter Helle  
Harvey Horn  
Jill Swenson McKerber  
Richard Smythe  
Ronald Wolfswinkel

**Class of 1980**

Craig Anderson  
Ronald Briggs  
Todd Cook  
Ann Davis  
Orvin Green  
Bruce Haraldson  
Karen Lonneman  
Kenneth Lonneman  
Myron Lupkes  
Michael Mitchell  
Bryan Pike  
Michael Rasmussen  
Donna Swenson  
Kiem Ta  
Terri Jungers Williams  
Cheryl VanDyke  
Dave Vatland

**Class of 1973**

Susan DenHerder  
Larry Feuerhelm  
Grant Helling  
Jylan Willems McCroskey  
Don Maras  
Phil Maras  
Gary Meinders  
Terry Schmidt  
Barb Johnson Stensland  
Debra Meyer Tilberg

**Continued Class of 1974**

John Schmidt  
John Wendt

**Class of 1972**

Nicolas Bertrand  
Jeri Crowder  
JoAnn Jensen

Cory Bouma  
Herlinda Burg  
Kristine Carritt  
Mark Fick  
Heather Folle  
Mischa Janisch  
Jeffrey Matson  
Craig Mulder  
Kristi Nath  
Mark Raak  
Jody Martius Randolph  
Paul Reif  
Stephanie Rogness

**Class of 1986**

Janet Arnold  
Bryce Brands  
Patrick Bredesen  
Patricia DeYong  
Patrick DeYong  
Debra Duffy  
James Emery  
Bradley Gruis  
Todd Haraldson  
Randall Harms  
Terry Hastings  
Jill Nelson  
Kris Schei Phelps  
Thomas Roberts  
Valarie Horn Schomacker

**Class of 1983**

Linda Ball  
Mark Goeske  
Kenneth Holzman  
Donna Cauwels Mulligan  
Julie Loose Ober  
Debbie Petersen

**Class of 1979**

Michael DeSplinter  
Harvey Schmidt  
Dung Ta  
Pat Vanderberg

**Class of 1978**

Owen Brooks  
Richard Fitzer  
Jeanne Emery Haugen  
Perry Klosterbuer  
Jack Kruger  
John Kruger  
Maria Ladstaetter  
Dave Lange  
Lori Lowe

**Class of 1975**

Terry Anderson  
Jeff Benson  
Jacob Berghorst  
Tachi Cazal  
Kerrilyn Gacke  
Bev Rawis

**Class of 1970**

Gerald Bartholmaus

Michael Martius  
James Meester  
Jill Flatequal  
James Meyer  
Gregory Olson  
Bethany Opsata  
Lisa Skalicky  
Todd Swenson  
Alexia Tesch  
Rami Turtonen  
Serge VanDilnhoven  
Silke Zeller

**Class of 1985**

Barbara Ehlers Austin  
Todd DeGroot  
Cynthia Harner-Helm  
Jane Watts Heiberger  
Wayne Johnson  
Ariadna Luce  
Trudy Kroontje Schneidermann

**Class of 1982**

Stephen Briggs  
Thomas Doherty  
Denise Duffy  
Michael Harms  
Tammy Fodness Harskamp  
Abigail Himmelein  
Keith Phelps  
James Ripley  
Susan Lloyd Salter  
David Sathre  
Nancy Korthals Sturm  
Keith Tentler  
Lori Winter Tingle

**Class of 1977**

Brad Akkerman  
Lisa Anderson Bass  
Becky Frahm Bram  
Wade Brooks  
Darlene Koens Domeyer  
Kris Birdsey Foslien  
Sharon Schomacker Kinsinger  
Marty Kolooster  
Kathy Haper McBride  
Scott Pedersen  
Bradley Remme  
Arlis Slagel  
Dawn Vanthof VanderBeek  
Brenda Weinzetl Vatland  
Katherine Viessman

**Class of 1971**

Peggy Martin Anderson  
Debra Ladd Bush  
Darrell Fikse  
JoAnn Blount Neuhauser  
Sandra Schutz  
Christine Mohr Tortorella  
Greg Ykema

**Class of 1967**

Alan Aanenson  
Janice Kastein Aanenson



**Class of 1969**

Barb Korthals Fletcher  
Terry Kack  
Ken Olson  
Jim Petty

**Class of 1966**

Linda Clausen  
Gary Frakes  
Mary Maras  
Mike Mulligan  
Linda Wyatt

**Class of 1960**

Virginia Hora  
Neshia Henely Skarbic  
Jean Mitch VanZanten

**Class of 1956**

Noralf Barstad  
Gerhardt Ahrendt  
Richard Hai

**Class of 1951**

NONE

**Class of 1947**

Gerald Leech

**Class of 1946**

Jack Armstrong  
John Corwin  
Tillie Heronimus Moerke

**Class of 1941**

Phyllis Steuven Brower  
Delores Blum Rhinesmith  
Arlene Phillips Stewart  
Marjorie Strouth

**Class of 1937**

Janice Edmonds  
Evelyn Skyberg Erickson  
Russell Gunderson  
Alvin Martin  
Dorothy Creeger Rath

**Class of 1928**

Esther Nuffer Holliday  
Hazel Johnson Richards  
Catherine Sando  
Wilma Saver  
Amber Kruse Sorenson  
Florence Bannick Wadle

**Misc. Teacher/Friend**

Charlotte Adams

Steve Loger  
Dennis McNeil Jr  
Vicki Nelson  
Dean Olson  
LaDawn Kienast Pipperd  
Sheri Karimi Sahlavi  
Mike Sullivan  
Scott Wendt

**Class of 1965**

Morris Deitermann  
Jim Geving  
David Mohler

**Class of 1963**

Allan Henely  
Loren Wenzel  
Dale Woolsey

**Class of 1959**

Jean DeBuck Braa  
Joan Gabrielson  
Donna Moulton  
Daryl Umland

**Class of 1955**

John Holder  
Margaret Larsen  
Corinne Groth Schneider  
Ardis Olson Thorgood

**Class of 1950**

Gary Breiland  
Clara Woltjer Honermann  
Clarice Torgerson Smith  
Donald Steffen

**Class of 1945**

Polly Suumeyer Hurley  
Dorothy Thomas

**Class of 1940**

Helen Benecke Flaten  
Grace Dubbe Lemon  
William Ryan

**Class of 1936**

Mary Ann Tomsenson Ni  
Marilyn Peterson Wightm

**Class of 1933**

Esther Hoime Micheel

**Class of 1932**

James Hagedorn  
Helen Linville Shaw

**Class of 1927**

LeRoy Binford  
Olga Edmunson  
Leslie Gordon  
Evelyn Wulf Greve  
Mildred Baker Ivins  
Earl Loose

Susan Crowder  
Eufrazio Gouveia  
Joe Hawkinson  
John Holsen  
Barbara Kor  
Michael Larson  
Dave Allen Schmuck  
Mari Hysom Tarara  
Vickie Anderson Throop  
Karen Braa Vogel  
Dan Wilson

**Class of 1968**

Kay Davis Cox  
Daniel Dougherty  
Ronald Henrickson  
Bradley Thuringer

**Class of 1964**

Dianna Klaranbeck  
Janeen Mann Phillips

**Class of 1962**

Linda Anderson

**Class of 1958**

Marlys Top Baxter  
Dennis Dubbe  
Mary Otto Mennicke

**Class of 1954**

NONE

**Class of 1953**

Virginia Strassburg Russell  
Donalynn Roberts Walker  
Audrey Cornish Weller

**Class of 1949**

Ila Westerbur Wiekling  
Henry Wiekling

**Class of 1944**

Marie Aljets Clark  
Marvin Hill  
Patricia Schriever  
Joyce Walgrave Walsler

**Class of 1939**

Robert Barrett  
Martin Kvaas  
Jack Rolting

**Class of 1935**

Maynard Davis  
John Hawkinson  
Elwood hetland  
Alice Larsen  
Dorothy Detloff Pickens  
Harvey Swenson

**Class of 1931**

Gertrude Bendrich  
Gertrude Williams Beneluck

Elaine VanBelle Boergerhoff  
Loree Iveland Brown  
Kay Davis Cox  
Patrick Creswell  
Dean DePauw  
Pamela Nelson Eastman  
Dennis Lemke  
Joanne Rafalski  
Mark Roberts  
Terry Springer  
Rochelle Thomas

**Class of 1961**

Albert DePauw  
Darlene Mulder Prashar

**Class of 1957**

Mike Ormseth  
Donna Tomlinson  
Judy Urry

**Class of 1952**

Judith Ruddy Craig  
Loren Hansen

**Class of 1948**

Richard Rienstra

**Class of 1943**

Darlene Scott Agnitsch  
Donna Mae Cowan Couch  
Evelyn Hansen Willems

**Class of 1942**

Audrey Lorange Ahlness  
Phyllis Wendt Helegson  
Donald Kersbergen  
Audrey Lou Hudson Klug  
Jeanette Wuertz Ritacco

**Class of 1938**

Beverly Marr  
Elisabeth Bode Schadwinkel

**Class of 1934**

Theola Torgrimson Bisbee  
Mary Anderson Lerza  
Myrna Earl Tatge

**Class of 1930**

NONE

**Class of 1931**

Robert DeMent  
Esther Halvorson  
Janet Houg  
Eleanor Karlson  
Gordon Mannigel  
Gustie Mork

**Class of 1925**

NONE

**Class of 1924**

Helen Wright

Ellen Duseclin  
Douglas Gauger  
Corene Hamre  
Pamela Hart  
Jane Brandt Hitch

Ardis Jordahl  
Dale Knowlton  
Louis Kohl  
Roger Kuske  
John May  
Florence Huntington Morris  
Idellys Olson  
Steve Peterson  
Carol Prang  
Rolland Smart  
Leo Vogelgesang  
Lois VanHove  
Nancy Flesland Wentzel  
George Zepp

Angie Sellen MaClean  
Raymond Marr  
Laura Todd Thompson  
Mildred Thorson  
Nat Treat

Juanita Buchan  
Carolyn Quinn Jay  
Charles Lunder  
Vernon Osgood  
Leone Richards

#### **Class of 1926**

Theodora Knaack Cashel  
Edna Seltrecht Hein  
Esther Martin Kuehl  
Lucille Mannigel Lensch  
Florence Rodman Ryder  
Rudolph Sando  
Anna Top Todd  
Alma Ahrendt Weinberg

## **New Dollars for Scholars Endowments**



### ***Edwin & Donna Deutsch Family Scholarship***

*Eddie and Donna Deutsch lived in Luverne for 58 years from 1957 to 2015. Although neither attended Luverne High School, their two children Joan and Don graduated from LHS in 1976 and 1978, respectively. They also had two grandsons graduate from LHS, Brad '04 and Brian '06.*

*The Deutsch's loved watching their children, grandsons and their friends in various school functions. They were active members of this community and spent many hours volunteering. Eddie was a greeter at the school for several years and was a charter member of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars program. This scholarship was established after Eddie's death in 2015. Since Eddie spent 55 years in a wheelchair, the recipient is to be, whenever possible, someone with a handicap.*

## **Interested in creating a Dollars for Scholars Endowment?**

A gift of \$2,000 or more creates a perpetual scholarship with Luverne Dollars for Scholars. With a perpetual scholarship, only the interest earned during a one-year period of time is awarded each and every year thereafter to a most recent LHS qualifying graduate. The donor of such a gift is given the opportunity to name the scholarship. The scholarship is also included in the annual Luverne Dollars for Scholars Community Scholarship booklet. Not only does this booklet list the LHS graduates with their awarded scholarships, but it also includes a short write-up of each and every perpetual scholarship. The uniqueness of establishing a perpetual scholarship is that it allows a scholarship to be given each and every year, forever, to a fresh qualifying LHS graduate. Luverne DFS is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3), therefore all gifts are tax deductible. You can contact Johnna Ahrendt at 507-227-4030 if you are interested in establishing a perpetual scholarship with Luverne Dollars for Scholars or email her at [luvernedfs@gmail.com](mailto:luvernedfs@gmail.com).

# Alumni encouraged to share images for October Veteran Photo Show at Carnegie

Photographs from veterans and their families are coming in from Luverne Alumni throughout the United States to be displayed at the Carnegie Cultural Center during the month of October 2015 for the first ever Veteran Photo Show.

The show was developed to compliment a special program which will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015 called "Combat from Behind the Camera." On that day, Remember Rally will collaborate with Stacy Pearsall in her project to photograph our veterans and share her military story with a presentation at the Historic Palace Theatre at 7:30 pm following a morning presentation for students at Luverne Public School. Coordinator of this project is Diane Sherwood 507 283-4194 or [promos@iw.net](mailto:promos@iw.net).

Stacy Pearsall graduated from Canton, SD and got her start as an Air Force photographer at the age of 17. She attended S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. During 3 combat tours, she earned the Bronze Star and the Air Force Commendation with Valor for heroic actions under fire. Between the ages of 21 and 27, Pearsall captured over 500,000 images across 41 different countries while being the only woman to ever win the Military Photographer of the Year award twice.

The Veteran Photo Show will also feature some of Pearsall's award winning photographs but its primary focus will be to display and archive Rock County veteran photos. We invite all Luverne High School Alumni Veterans to become involved by mailing or emailing a photo that we may hang for the show. The photograph can be one from your active duty days or one taken at any time of your life. Families are encouraged to send images in memoriam.

We ask that all submissions include:

Name

Current Address (or Date of Death)

Branch of Service

Dates of Service

LHS Graduation Year

Digital images are encouraged. We are happy to print the photos for display. If you would like to send a photographic, please send a copy of the photograph so that we do not have to return the image. If possible, we would like to use 8" by 10" printed images for display but any size photo will be accepted. If originals are delivered to the Luverne Area Chamber, we will make a copy and return the original to you immediately. Following the show, the



Pictured in this submitted photo for the Veteran Photo Show is Luverne graduate Merlin De Jongh during his service in Desert Storm

images will be taken down, catalogued and preserved at the Herreid Military Museum.

All photos used in the October 2015 Veterans Photo Project must be emailed, mailed or delivered to the Luverne Area Chamber no later than Friday, September 18th. Contact Jane at 507 283-4061 for additional information.

Mail to: VETERANS PHOTO SHOW Email  
to: [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us)  
Luverne Area Chamber  
213 East Luverne Street  
Luverne, MN 56156





The new location will provide handicapped accessible display and research space as well as offer a climate controlled facility to maintain the historic treasures of Rock County.

## Betty Mann birthday card campaign raises more than \$70,000 for new downtown History Center; anonymous match brings total to \$140,000

### Dear Luverne Alumni:

People who know me know that history has been a passion of mine for nearly my entire life. That's why it's been so gratifying to see that I'm not alone in my mission to preserve our Rock County history and to establish a fitting home for local artifacts and information.

The History Center, which will open soon in the former Ford Motors building on East Main Street, will be a dream come true for me and for other local history supporters. It will mean we can showcase important pieces of our past and it will mean all visitors — even those with mobility problems — will be able to easily access the beautiful and informative displays.

The History Center is truly a lifesaver for preserving Rock County's life story. I'm writing today to personally thank each and every precious individual and business for your generous donations to the project.

Donations from individuals and businesses total more than \$70,000, with the match from an anonymous donor



*I'm writing today to personally thank each and every precious individual and business for your generous donations to the project. ... Your gifts will become part of a lasting legacy in Rock County.*

bringing the total to \$140,000.

I am deeply touched by the personal notes of encouragement that accompanied financial donations in the recent birthday card fund drive for the History Center.

I've always said "history matters," because in order to move our community in a successful direction for the future, we need to understand our past and the major events and decisions that shaped who and what we are today.

Thank you, thank you for sharing this mission with me and

our Historical Society team. Your gifts will become part of a lasting legacy in Rock County.

I'm hoping people continue to support the History Center effort. There is still a great deal of work that needs to be done, and donations are still needed. Tax-deductible contributions to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to 123 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

**Gratefully,  
Betty Mann, Luverne  
Rock County  
Historical Society President**

# Palace 100-year celebration continues

To celebrate the Palace's 100th Birthday, Blue Mound Area Theatre Board of Directors has created a year-long celebration with special performances scheduled monthly. The schedule for July through December includes:

July 18 – Missoula Children's Theatre performance featuring local children

August 16 – Fulda Big Band performs music of the 1930's through 1950's

September 20 – Silent Movie featuring Leona Hoeck on the 1926 Smith-Geneva organ (the only organ remaining in use at its original location) & birthday cake to follow

October 14-16 – Join the Luverne Firemen Association for their annual "free" show

November 13-15 and 20-22 – Green Earth Players present "The Homecoming"

November 28 – Tonic Sol-fa Holiday Show featuring 4 voices & a tambourine

December 12 – Christmas at the Palace

## CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE

In Bonnie Holmeid Jordahl's book, Herman's Palace, she shared the story of Christmas at the Palace. The 2015 event will focus on re-creating the original event. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the Rock County Food Shelf. This is Bonnie's story of how it all began:

"Christmas at the Palace"  
November 6, 1986

"At one of our regular Blue Mound Area Theatre board meetings, Earl Glaser suggested having choirs from all our local churches perform at the Palace to share their Christmas music. Admission price would be an article of non-perishable food for the Rock

County Food Shelf. The churches were contacted and a date set for the benefit.

So "Christmas at the Palace" was begun and has since become an annual affair. The year of 1986 was just the beginning of a beautiful thought by Earl to bring more music and good will into the Christmas season. It was well received by all the church choirs. Large crowds were in attendance every year despite the very low temperatures at this time of year. Every year the benefit collected large quantities of non-perishable food for the food shelf plus additional cash that was also donated. The boxes of food were delivered to the Grace Lutheran Church Distribution Center and the cash turned over to Carol Olson and Dorothy Dorn who co-managed the local food shelf. They are always grateful for the abundance of food to share with those who need it.

In 1992 our audience was spilling out into the aisles and into the orchestra pit. This prompted the board to re-organize our "Christmas at the Palace." Many of the Luverne Churches seat more than 452 at the Palace. So, the Christian Reformed Church invited the choirs to sing at their church which seats 600 plus their Fellowship Hall that adjoins the church sanctuary. This room would accommodate all the choirs while they waited their turn to sing. The huge audience and the many choirs were pleased with large space accorded at the Christian Reformed Church. The combined choirs filled all the aisles as the last songs were sung. The roof was literally lifted off the rafters. It was an overwhelming experience to listen to all these trained voices giving their best."

The following information has also been re-printed from Bonnie Holmeid Jordahl's book Herman's Palace.

From the beginning, the Palace Theatre was a place of style and elegance. After Herman married Maude in 1919, she became responsible for the details. Shortly after, well-appointed ushers graced the aisles of the theatre when the doors opened:

USHERS: "When the very first group of ushers strutted their stuff their costumes were designed by Maude and stitched by Maude's friend and neighbor Mrs. Albert Meyer. The costumes were red vest, white blouses, black skirts, and a long colorful multi-strip wool sash worn around the waist. The sash was quite long so it trailed down the side of the black skirt. The ushers who wore these costumes were: Filona Frick, Hilda Rathjen, Bessie Holmied, Edith Schmuck, Gail (Carter) McRoberts and Ruth (Carter) Haakenson."

### ROSTER OF USHERS

Filona Frick

Hilda Rathjen; ushered in balcony

Bessie Holmied; ushered in balcony and sold tickets

Edith Schmuck; ushered on first floor

Gail (Carter) McRoberts; ushered for stage shows

Ruth (Carter) Haakenson; ushered for stage shows

Lois (Schlict) Godfrey; ushered and ticket seller

Orla (Holmied) Rober; usher, daughter of Bessie & Olaf Holmied

Ruth (Thorsen) LaVelle; Orla got Ruth her first job in 1928 as an usher.

Bonnie (Holmied) Jordahl; ushered



Florence (Boden) LaGros  
Tillie (Rathjen) Jarchow;  
ushered with Lois Godfrey & Edith Schmuck

Margaret (Fritz) Nelson;  
ushered for Marion Jochims both at Palace and Pix.

Dorothy Sneekloth; ushered  
1941

Phyllis (Wendt) Helgeson;  
ushered 1941

Ione (Kraetch) Bush; ushered  
1942-45

Donna (Shelby) Schmidt;  
ushered 1942; paid 25 cents per  
hour

May Audrey (Hinkley) Tabor;  
ushered 1947-1949

Jean (Canfield) Schmuck;  
ushered 1945-46

Barb (Jensen) Winter; ushered  
1945-46

Irene (Lapic) Hansen; ushered  
1942-45

Gen Olson ushered; 1945-46  
Lois Groth

Kelon Sneekloth

Beverly (Rust) Clerex; ushered  
1945

There are other people who  
ushered through the years but no  
official records were kept of their  
services.

#### TICKET SELLERS

Frieda Schliet - Bessie Holmied  
- Minerva (Caveny) Kilby - Bertha  
Matthiesen (The Pix)

Substitute ticket sellers: Edith  
Schmuck; Hilda Rathjen; Lois  
Godfrey

#### JANITORS

Herman Kahler - Archie Backer  
- Ted Schneekloth - Mark Beaubian  
Charles Beaubian - Bob Dorn

#### ADVERTISING

Harvey Meyer

#### PROJECTIONISTS

Olaf Holmied - Lawrence

McDermott - Harold

Conrad - Herb Graves

Harvey Meyer - Jimmy Mitchell -

Al Meester - Bob Dorn

## **PALACE THEATRE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER**

On November 19, 1978, The  
Palace Theatre was placed on the  
Register of National Historic sites.  
Rock County Historical Society  
President Carmen Christianson  
worked hard to make this happen.

## **PUBLIC NON-PROFIT OWNERSHIP OF THE PALACE**

In 1980, ownership of  
the Palace Theatre passed into the  
hands of a community organization  
known as the Blue Mound Area  
Theatre, Inc. This non-profit group  
was made up of interested and  
dedicated Rock County people. The  
Board of Directors are responsible  
for all repair, restoration and  
operation of the building. The 2015  
BMAT Board of Directors are:

Kevin Aaker, President  
Dianne Ossenfort, Vice  
President

LaDonna Van Aartsen,  
Treasurer

Heidi Sehr, Secretary

Colleen Nath

Shirley Connor

Marc Boelman

Jim Juhl

Eugene Marshall

Louella Voigt

Deb Aanenson

Deb Schandelmeier

Mike Elbers

Verlyn Van Batavia

## **1991 Preservation Alliance of Minnesota AWARDS CEREMONY**

On Saturday, October 5,  
1991, the Preservation Alliance  
of Minnesota recognized 11  
individuals and/or groups at its  
annual meeting for their special  
contributions towards preserving  
the historic resources of the state of  
Minnesota. This was the 7th year  
for the P.A.M. Awards Program,  
which was started in order to  
recognize grassroots preservation  
efforts throughout the state. Awards  
can be given for "bricks and  
mortar" restoration, the work of

community groups, or the efforts  
of individuals. The 1991 recipients  
reflect the diversity that has been  
typical of the awards and include:  
THE BLUE MOUND AREA  
THEATRE for the rehabilitation of  
the Palace Theatre in Luverne, MN.

Charles Liddy, chair of the  
Preservation Alliance of Minnesota  
awards ceremony, presented an  
award for the preservation of the  
Palace Theatre to LaJean Lammert,  
representing the Blue Mound  
Theatre on October 5, 1991.

## **NEWS RELEASE – Ken Burns’ PBS Premiere of “The War”**

Luverne is in the national  
spotlight as publicity mounts for  
the Ken Burns’ PBS documentary  
“The War.” Reviewers say “The  
War” is his best project yet, and  
Burns himself says this is the  
most intense project he has ever  
undertaken. The series focuses on  
four communities throughout the  
United States and how soldiers  
and those who remained at home,  
dealt with the effects of World  
War II. Luverne, Minnesota is one  
of those communities. The 14 ½  
hour miniseries will begin on PBS  
on September 23. (2007) The  
segment to be shown in Luverne  
deals primarily with the Luverne  
community and its veterans.

The Historic Palace Theatre  
will be host to the World Premiere  
on Thursday, September 6, 2007.  
There will be a special show for  
veterans at 3:00 PM and the gala  
premier at 8:00pm. Reserved  
seat tickets are still available for  
both showings. In addition to the  
premiere showings, the Palace  
will show the movie on Friday,  
Saturday, and Sunday; September  
7-9. Tickets for the veteran’s  
premiere are \$30, the gala premiere  
\$100, and just \$10 for Friday,  
Saturday, and Sunday showings.  
All tickets are available at the  
Luverne Chamber of Commerce  
office and can be ordered by credit  
card.

# Reunions in the Making

## Class of '65—50th Class Reunion

September 25-26-27, 2015

*Save the weekend of Tri-State Band Festival  
to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion*

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## Class of '80—35th Class Reunion

July 16-18, 2015

July 16—Hot Dog Nite in Luverne

July 17—Golf at Adrian Country Club at 1 pm or July 18 at  
Luverne Country Club in the morning

Contact Brian DeJongh 605-360-7265 or briandj@sio.midco.net for  
reservations or Terri (DeBates) Siebenahler 507-920-5085

July 17- Meet & Greet at the Eagles—7 pm

July 18—Class Reunion at the Eagles—5 pm Social  
Hour—7 pm Dinner (featuring Eagles Steak Fry)

## Class of '45—70th Class Reunion

September 19, 2015—Noon

Reunion Dinner—Sterling's Café & Grille

*Order off the Menu*

Reservations—Neva Clausen—507 283-8043

Following Lunch—Ride on Luverne Trolley

Hear What is Happening In & Around Luverne

September 20, 2015—2 pm

Celebrate the Palace's 100th Birthday

Silent Movie & Birthday Cake

## Class of '70—45th Class Reunion

August 15, 2015—6 pm

Potluck Picnic "Reunion"

In Tanya (Leicher) Light's backyard

at 501 Phyleon Dr.

Bruce Kurtz with

Growing Up On a Gravel Road  
Class of '70 Edition "Darlene's Bend,  
and music to follow!!

Watch your mail for your invitation  
and evening special events!

Check out the LHS Class of '70 Facebook Group  
for news and updates!

*Bonnie (De Booy) Kochel*

*Tanya (Leicher) Light*

*Mary (Connell) Steerman*

Email RSVP: [mbsteerman@msn.com](mailto:mbsteerman@msn.com)

## Class of '90—25th Class Reunion

July 24-25, 2015

*(as always, crazy fun will be had)*

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## Class of '95—20th Class Reunion

July 24-25-26, 2015

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## Class of 2000—15th Class Reunion

August 15, 2015

Golf at Adrian Country Club

Games/Camping at Davis Lake (Creamery Pond)

Enjoy Rock River Beer Fest

Contact Brandee Scott at 402 689-2674

## Remembering our Classmates, continued

**Mary Alice Bendt Kinde '67** died June 15, 2015 in Faribault following an extended illness. On May 1, 1993, she married Jerry Kinde. Mary worked for 37 years at the Minnesota Academy for the Blind as an assistant teacher. During this time she founded at Girl Scouts Troop at MSAB. She retired from MSAB in 2008. Mary is survived by her husband, Jerry Kinde, her foster son Joel Carlson, a brother, **James '70** (Diane) Bendt, a sister **Twila '69** (Tom) Simon, and many other friends and relatives.

**Sharon Iveland '69** Took her last breath on this earth on Sunday April 12, 2015 in Santa Cruz, CA. She spent her life teaching, loving and being. Grateful for her spirit and love are her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, Aikido community, her "kids" and her extended family. In her words, "Let every breath turn to love and grace and let that love and grace heal mankind." Having been blessed by her presence are her six siblings; **Linda '67** (David) Johnson, **David '71** (Denise) Iveland, **Ruthie '73** (Larry) Brown, **Mary Jo '75** (Steve) Graphenteen, **Paula '84** Iveland (Raden Pramugi), **Mark Iveland '86**, eight nieces and nephews and six grandnieces and nephews.

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