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A Warm Welcome to Manfred!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**You are invited to join us on July 4, 2025
for the 25th Anniversary of
Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.**

The planned activities on July 4th in Manfred include:

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – Light supper at Vang Church

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Tour opportunities of Manfred

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Old-Time Games for all ages to participate in or be in the cheering section

8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Talent Show for all ages to participate in or be part of the audience

9:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – Ice Cream Social

10:00 p.m. – Fireworks in celebration of USA's Independence Day and MHP, Inc.'s 25th Anniversary

We'd love to have you come! Please join us for this special celebration in Manfred!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**You are invited on August 1-3, 2025 to the
Ostrem, Fisher, Anderson-Melby Reunion**

Please see the poster and letter of invitation on pages 4-5 sharing about this reunion that promises to be a fun and wonderful event for all. Even if you are not directly related to the Ostrem, Fisher, Anderson-Melby families, you are invited to meet and greet these families and enjoy an amazing time together.

Military History of Manfred

The Years Since WWII

This issue contains the third and final part of the "Military History of Manfred" on pages 6-11. The veterans honored in this issue served in a number of countries, both here in the USA and around the world. Whether these veterans served in the midst of conflicts or in times of peace, it was important. We thank these men and women who served the Stars and Stripes. If we missed anyone, please write to: manfrednd@outlook.com.

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 Comfort Station
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 for Olaf and Caroline Anderson House

In Memory

Richard Aasand

April 20, 1937 - May 4, 2023

Son of Anton and Emma (Opdahl) Aasand.
Anton owned various businesses in Manfred
including Aasand's Hardware Store

Orville Laverne Smestad

August 17, 1928 - November 25, 2023

Husband of Burga Detling the daughter
of Matt and Mary (Fix) Detling who farmed near
Manfred. Burga attended Manfred School

Wesley Gross

June 2, 1934 - December 5, 2023

Son of Adolf and Christine (Rudel) Gross who
farmed near Manfred. Wesley attended
Manfred School for a few years. He was a
member of MHP, Inc. and enjoyed helping with
mowing and other projects

Joan Gabel Hoornaert

September 14, 1947 - January 19, 2024

Lived in Manfred with her husband, Gary, who
served as an elevator manager in Manfred and
their children attended school in Manfred

Kermit D. Larson

March 19, 1934 - February 27, 2024

Son of Arthur and Edna (Ongstad) Larson
who farmed northeast of Manfred and Kermit and
his wife Beverly (Valent) continued on this land

David 'Tubby' Bymoan

December 27, 1946 - March 11, 2024

Son of George and Anna (Ekrem) Bymoan.
Anna grew up near Manfred.

Frances Marie Fehr

June 1, 1950 - August 13, 2024

Daughter of Eilert and Marie Fehr who farmed
east of Manfred where Frances attended school.
Frances was a wardrobe manager for 'Phantom
of the Opera' production and other productions.
When she would return for a vacation, she loved
attending Vang Church in Manfred

Roger Weinmann

May 11, 1946 - September 8, 2024

Son of Herman and Cora Weinmann who farmed
near Manfred where Roger attended school

Tami Alveshere

November 7, 1972 - September 9, 2024

Wife of Michael Alveshere who is the son of
Loren and Kathy Alveshere, grandson of
Clarence and Lena (Frovig) Alveshere

Troy T. Seibel

July 6, 1976 - September 3, 2024

Son of Tom and Teri (Melby) Seibel, grandson
of Kenneth and Jeanne Melby, great grandson
of Oscar and Bertha Melby, great great
grandson of settlers Knud and Guri Melby
and Gullik and Ragnhild Nordtorp

In Memory

Larry Goldade

August 15, 1946 - October 28, 2024

Husband of Frances Thomas the daughter
of Mike and Julia (Burgard) Thomas

Dianne Johnson Aull

August 22, 1950 - November 19, 2024

Daughter of Leslie and Olga (Opsal) Johnson,
granddaughter of John and Malena Johnson.
Dianne attended Manfred School and later her
family renovated the school as their home.
Dianne served as organist for Vang Church.

Larry Norstedt

March 1, 1944 - November 20, 2024

The ex-husband of Pamela (Nelson) Norstedt
who is the daughter of Vernon and Bernice
(Gladheim) Nelson, granddaughter of
Ole and Clara (Ranum) Gladheim, great
granddaughter of Ole and Guri Ranum, great
great granddaughter of settlers Juel and Guri
Ranum and Knud and Guri Melby

Please let us know of loved ones who have passed

Call for Email Addresses

We want to send information via
email to all who have email addresses.
For those who don't have email, we
would continue sending information
to you by regular mail. On the return
card, please include your email address
and return this to us, or you can email
it to manfrednd@outlook.com.
Your help with this will be greatly
appreciated. Thanks so much!

Items Donated in 2024

A Craftsman Riding Mower was
donated by Orren and Karen
Anderson of Minot. Many thanks
to Orren and Karen for this wonderful
mower, and to Perry Anderson for
transporting it to Manfred.

Many thanks to the following for
artifact donations thereby enriching
Manfred's Story: Jerry Beutler,
Clyde Smestad, Warren Nelson,
Shirley Opdahl, Sharon McGarvey,
Lewis and Judy Weigelt, Pat Lenz,
Harriet Gunderson, Laverne Johnson,
Gwyn Herman, Audrey Solheim,
and Wanda Melchert.

AmeriCorps Member Working with MHP, Inc



Carrie Varner

We are pleased to announce that an
AmeriCorp member, Carrie Varner,
has taken a position with *MHP, Inc.*
as the 'Digital and Communications
Manager' which she began in early
November. As digital manager, she
oversees the *manfrednd.com* website
and the new *Facebook* page that can
be googled at 'Manfred Heritage
Museum.' The current topic for folks
to share together is on 'Memories of
Winter at Manfred.' Please come
join in the fun of sharing memories.

Carrie also works with Pam Norstedt,
Collections Manager of *MHP, Inc.*,
on entering data into our *Past Perfect*
Collections program and with the
online *Past Perfect* at the *Museums*
of *Wells County Past Perfect* website
on special Collections projects. In her
work in communications for *MHP, Inc.*
she oversees Manfred's email of
manfrednd@outlook.com. Carrie is
working on short historical articles
to submit to the local newspaper.

Aside from her *AmeriCorps* duties,
Carrie was elected to the *MHP, Inc.*
Board of Directors and is the new
Agent for *MHP, Inc.*, handling the
state and federal reports that *MHP,*
Inc. needs to submit each year.
Carrie took over for Wanda Melchert
who served as Agent for 24 years.
Please welcome Carrie! She has
caught the vision of the projects
at Manfred and is diligently working
for the good of all that is Manfred.
Carrie grew up in Minnesota,
and later lived in Bismarck before
purchasing a home in Harvey.

MANFRED REUNION 2025

Fisher ★ Anderson ★ Ostrem



August 1st – 3rd
Look for more information as we organize!
We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Make sure to give your contact info (Name, address, phone & email) to either

➡➡➡ Mark Quenette @ coachquenette@gmail.com
➡➡➡ Sheryl (Fisher) Wilczynski @ pictureperfect3@yahoo.com

Slideshows, games, food, drinks, croquet
and lots of fun & memories shared

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1: Evening informal get-together
@ Peaceful Valley Golf Course or Harvey Eagles!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2: Fisher-Ostrem-Anderson Reunion
@ Ostrem & Anderson yards in Manfred!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3: Breakfast??? & Golf for anyone interested!

Save the Dates!



Anderson-Melby / Fisher / Ostrem Reunion August 1-3, 2025

Makin' Tracks 2025

The dates are set for food, games, fun, and memories at the Fisher/Anderson-Melby/Ostrem Family Reunion on August 1st-3rd, 2025, in Manfred and Harvey. Saturday, August 2nd, the celebration comes to Manfred. From the 1950s through the 1980s, there was a yearly family reunion at the Lars Ostrem yard. Since the passing of Lars in 1987, there have only been a handful of reunions of this family in Manfred.

Manfred has meant so much to all of us! Even though members of the families have long-since moved away, it is a part of our memories that we will cherish our entire lives. We are all blessed to have Manfred in our hearts. We are also blessed to have Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. taking wonderful care of the little town, giving us the chance to have the reunion exactly where it started.

Some brief family history:

- The Guy D. Fisher family moved from the Fergus Falls (MN) area to a farm southwest of Manfred in 1906.
- Olaf Anderson first settled in Mayville (ND) in 1895, moved west of Harvey in 1898, and then settled in Manfred in 1900.
- The Melbys settled near Northfield (MN) in 1881, near Cooperstown (ND) in 1887, and then northwest of Manfred in 1893.
- The Ostrems first settled south of Tioga (ND) in 1909. In 1929, Bendik Rogne asked Lars Ostrem to farm his land north of Manfred, so the family moved to the Manfred area that year.

Our theme for the reunion is "Makin' Tracks," as most of the family will travel long-distance to Manfred for the weekend celebration. The artwork for the "Makin' Tracks" theme has an interesting story. Larry and Carol Fisher, together with their children Sheryl and Jon, would frequently come to North Dakota to visit family and friends. One year, Larry built a luggage rack for the top of their vehicle and proceeded to paint this artwork onto the Fisher's luggage rack. On the engine you see "5 '39" which is Larry's birth month and year. The logo on the coal car and caboose is "S+JF," standing for Sheryl + Jon Fisher. When putting the reunion poster together this past summer, Mark sent Sheryl a picture copy of the luggage rack and Sheryl used the artwork to create the poster. Special thanks to Sheryl for thinking of the perfect theme for our reunion and to Larry for letting us use his artwork for the reunion poster!

If you are a descendant of the Fisher, Anderson-Melby, or Ostrem families, you are welcome to join us for the celebration! Even if you don't have some kind of tie to the annual reunions of old, we would love your presence!

We would like you to reach out with all of your contact info (email address/ mailing address/ phone #) to: Mark Quenette - coachquenette@gmail.com and Sheryl Wilczynski - pictureperfect3@yahoo.com so we can send you updates on the celebration.

Military History of Manfred

Served in the Military Since WWII



Orren Anderson

Orren Anderson

December 14, 1942 –

Military: US Army 1964-1966, 2 years active duty (1 year in Vietnam) and 4 years active reserve attaining the rank of Capt. and receiving the Bronze Star

Family: Son of Perry and Lilly Anderson; Married; Daughter TyLea; Married Karen Gunkel

Work: Dakota Drug, Inc.



Merlyn Boese

Merlyn 'Butch' Boese

November 12, 1943 –

Military: US Army

Family: Son of Harley and Lydia Boese; Married: Darlene Seidlinger;

Children: Michele and Christopher



Ivy Brye

Ivy Brye

February 25, 1961 –

Military: US Air Force 1979-1999 , E6 Aircraft Technician - Stateside, Europe, and Desert Storm

Family: Daughter of William and Lorraine Brye

Work: Farmwork with Paul Anderson and Bill Ongstad, Care provider for her mother, St. Aloisius in activities, and HAV-IT as a direct service provider



Manuel Detling

Emanuel 'Manuel' 'Manny' Detling

May 24, 1936 – January 22, 1990

Military: US Army 1959-1962, Served in presidential military escort for John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade

Family: Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Nancy Hanratty;

Children: Dianne, Kevin, and Patrick

Work: Self-employed auto mechanic, and business owner



Garry Detling

Garry Detling

March 14, 1945 –

Military: US Army 1963-1966, Hawaii and Vietnam

Family: Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Betty Michelson; Children: Scott and Corey

Work: US Post Office - Bismarck



Harry Detling

Harry Detling

March 14, 1945 –

Military: US Army 1962-1965

Family: Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married/Divorced Arlys Keson; Daughter Mindy

Work: Construction, Fessenden Public School District and Fessenden Coop Elevator

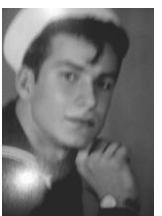
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Joe Detling

Joe Detling*June 24, 1939 –**Military:* US Navy 1957-Medical discharge*Family:* Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Shirley Lauseng; Children: Robert and Derek*Work:* Construction as foreman and superintendent

Leo Detling

Leo 'Lee' Detling*February 8, 1941 – October 3, 2017**Military:* US Marine Corp 1959-1965*Family:* Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Crystal Billingsley; Son Jake*Work:* Mountain Bell/U.S and West/Quest

Matt Detling

Mathias 'Matt' Detling/Dettling*June 8, 1942 –**Military:* US Navy 1959-1963*Family:* Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Lois Goldade; Children: Kandas and Mark*Work:* Construction, Watford City Ready Mix and in New Town

Ned Detling

Ned Detling*December 30, 1946 –**Military:* US Army 1965-1968*Family:* Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Jackie Scheck; Children: Nathan, BreAnn, Elisa, and Evan*Work:* Boeing, owned and operated Ned's Auto Body Repair and Restoration in Mitchell NE

Willie Detling

William 'Willie' 'Bill' Detling*March 15, 1948 –**Military:* US Army 1968-1970*Family:* Son of Matt and Mary Detling; Married Carol Hilzer; Daughter Jennifer*Work:* Police officer, Timpfe Trailors, and owned a landscaping business

Kenny Fandrich

Kenneth 'Kenny' Fandrich*November 14, 1956 –**Military:* Coast Guard*Family:* Son of Roy and Lucille Fandrich

Alan Fehr

Alan Fehr*August 29, 1955 –**Military:* 1974 U.S. Navy-submarine mechanic EN2, SGT U.S. Army Reserve as NBC specialist, ND Army National Guard deployed to GTMO for Operation Enduring Freedom serving as OIC for combat stress team, retired in 2015 at rank of Col. with a total of 32 years of service both active and reserve*Family:* Son of Eilert and Marie Fehr; Married Kristen Smith; Children: Karla, Laura, and David*Work:* PHD in clinical psychology, District 36 Rep in ND House, contract psychologist at Minot AFB, currently serving as American Legion commander of Post in Dickinson

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James Fehr

James Fehr

September 13, 1948 – July 15, 2022

Military: 1968 U.S. Army 2 years active and 4 years reserves with rank of SPC5. Vietnam as a scout dog handler detecting enemy personnel, booby traps, trip wires, ambushes, and weapons

Family: Son of Eilert and Marie Fehr; Married Sharon Bell; Daughter Tina

Work: Heavy equipment operator/mechanic and operated an equipment salvage yard



Edgar Flick

Edgar Allan Flick

August 2, 1928 – November 5, 2020

Military: Medic in US Army on front lines during Korean War

Family: Son of Ray and Gina Flick; Married Jeanne McBain; Children: Randy, Ardis, Myrna, Linda, and Corey

Work: Farmed north of Manfred until 1993, served as Postmaster of Manfred 1964-1992

Donald H. Froeber

August 29, 1925 – June 29, 2001

Military: In 1943-US Navy WWII served on board Ship-PC1223, and in 1951-during Korean Conflict served aboard the U.S.S. Newport and on a hospital ship

Family: Son of John and Veronica Froeber; Married Virginia Fryer; Children: Michelle, Annette, Cindy, Timothy, Carol, Valerie, Gary, and James

Work: For Soo Line Railroad, buried at Ft. Snelling, Minneapolis MN



Jerry Froeber

Gerald 'Jerry' V. Froeber

September 26, 1928 – March 18, 2003

Military: Army Air Corps 1946-1948, Boca Raton FL and Okinawa, Japan

Family: Son of John and Veronica Froeber; Married Betty Detling; Children: Kristi, Kevin, and Kari

Work: Buried at the Mandan Veteran's Cemetery



Junior Hager

Ralph 'Junior' E. Hager, Jr.

January 29, 1931 – April 29, 1986

Military: SEC Us Army Korea

Family: Son of Ralph (Sr.) and Anna (Rogness) Hager; Married Donna Rudel; Children: Ralph (Rocky), Jeffrey, Cynthia, Robin

Work: Farmed near Manfred and had a passion for horses



Jim Johnson

Orville 'Jim' Johnson

March 22, 1947 –

Military: US Army 1967-1969, Vietnam

Family: Son of Leslie and Olga Johnson; Married Shirley Frances; Children: Jamie and Laura

Work: Mercer County States Attorney, now living in North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon

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Vernon Lithun

Vernon Lithun*August 14, 1945 – June 13, 2004**Military:* Unknown*Family:* Son of Edwin and Pauline (Burgard) Lithun; Married Linda Engeberg;
Children: Nikki and Ceann*Work:* Business and Vocational Education teacher at Noonan, Grand Forks, and in the Sacramento CA area, UAP Northern Plains-Astlund at Williston

Curtis Nelson

Curtis 'Curt' Nelson*May 26, 1951 – May 7, 2022**Military:* US Marines 1970-1973, in helicopter maintenance at San Diego, Japan, and Cambodia*Family:* Son of Vernon and Bernice (Gladheim) Nelson; Married Rita Ebeck; Daughter Brittany*Work:* Farmed north of Manfred, moved to Devils Lake working in various jobs

Owen Nelson

Owen Nelson*January 22, 1950 – July 8, 1988**Military:* US Army 1968-1971, Specialist 5 in Germany-given leave in 1970 for his mother's funeral at Manfred ND*Family:* Son of Vernon and Bernice (Gladheim) Nelson; Married; Daughter Joy*Work:* College in Wahpeton, then worked at UND in Grand Forks in Heating and Refrigeration

Bob Nelson

Robert O. 'Bob' Nelson*September 1946 –**Military:* US Air Force 1969-1973, Tech Sgt.-Chandler AZ*Family:* Son of Vernon and Bernice (Gladheim) Nelson; Married Ardis Moe;
Children: Jeffrey and Jennifer*Work:* Motorola in computer technology

Vernon Nelson

Vernon Nelson*January 31, 1943 –**Military:* US Army 1961-1963, Infantry in Germany with the 2nd Calvary PFC. While being discharged at Ft. Leonard wood he saw John Weinman in line who was entering the Army*Family:* Son of Vernon and Bernice (Gladheim) Nelson; Married Rita Parker;
Children: Anthony 'Tony' and Ronald 'Ron'*Work:* Cenex in Central Oregon working with area farmers

Warren Nelson

Warren Nelson*March 20, 1945 –**Military:* National Guard 1965, US Army 1966-1969, mechanic on tanks in Germany ESPEC4 border crisis with Russia in 1968, Army Reserves 1969-1971*Family:* Son of Vernon and Bernice (Gladheim) Nelson; Married; Children: Sherrall and Dennis*Work:* Farmed in Kansas and built houses

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Susanna Ongstad

Susanna Ongstad*November 10, 1976 –**Military:* US Army 1995-1999, E-4 93 C air traffic control specialist*Family:* Daughter of Bill and Anne Ongstad; Married Paul Hopman

Gary Opdahl

Gary Opdahl*April 7, 1944 – October 20, 1973**Military:* ND SPA US Army – Vietnam*Family:* Son of Edwin and Sophie (Rogness) Opdahl*Work:* Farmer with his brother Dale

Karen Ravnaas

Karen Ravnaas*March 24, 1949 –**Military:* Maj. US Army-WAC-Stateside and Germany, after active duty continued in US Army Reserves*Family:* Daughter of Oliver and Alma Ravnaas*Work:* Transportation Technology Center and Hewlett Packard

Roger Rogelstad

Roger Rogelstad*Military:* US Army 1954-1956, Anchorage*Family:* Married Josephine who died in 1971; Children: Reid and Deanna; Married Barbara Begonia*Work:* Graphic design art and radio broadcasting

Allen Rogness

Allen Rogness*July 25, 1934 – June 20, 2001**Military:* US Army*Family:* Son of Sam and Lilly Rogness; Married Jean*Work:* Personnel Manager at Roseburg Veterans Adm Medical Center

Richard Rogness

Richard Rogness*July 26, 1927 – April 22, 2003**Military:* US Navy 1945-1946 and US Air Force 1951-1952*Family:* Married Barbara Wolf; Children: Debra, Andrew, and Emerson*Work:* Civil Engineer with Illinois Dept of Hwy and Consumers Power of Michigan**Blake Roller***Birth:* Mid 1980s*Military:* US Army*Family:* Son of Chuck and Roxie Roller; Married Desi*Work:* Digi-Key, airplane parts company, and obtained pilots license

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Gerald Schlenker

Gerald Schlenker

April 1, 1944 –

Military: US Army in Germany 1965-1967

Family: Son of John and Evelyn Schlenker; Married Jeannie Marie Mathieson;
Children: Jay, Jared, and Jeffrey

Work: Farmers Union Elevator-Fessenden, Hager Construction-Harvey, Great Plains Supply Company-Maddock and Jamestown, farming with beef cattle and small grains



James Strauss

James F. Strauss

February 13, 1931 – June 11, 1986

Military: US Air Force 1950-1954

Family: Son of Joe and Ida Strauss

Work: Wells County Ag Stabilization and Conservation Station, Counselor for Boys Town at Omaha NE, St Joseph's Hospital in Omaha as a business administrator, Uniroyal of Dallas TX



Joe Strauss

Joseph 'Joe' Strauss

March 23, 1938 –

Military: US Air Force

Family: Son of Joe and Ida Strauss

Work: Carpenter and cabinetmaker, Land O'Lakes, AZ golf course, living at the Veteran's Home in Lisbon

Arnold Wagner

March 1940 –

Military Service: Unknown

Family: Son of John and Alonia Wagner; Married Janice Seibel; Children Glenn, Troy, and Chad

Work: Farmed in rural Manfred during 1950s before moving to New Mexico



Brian Weigelt

Brian Weigelt

December 16, 1970 –

Military: Capt. US Navy-Chaplain in Iraq, Africa, Italy, and Japan, now assigned to the Pentagon as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy Chaplains which oversees religious affairs in Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps. He also serves as chief of staff for the operational office.

Family: Son of Lewis and Judy Weigelt; Married Rosslyn Turner, Daughter: Eliza



Herbert Weisser

Herbert Weisser

September 11, 1939 – January 10, 1998

Military: US Air Force A2C 1961-1965, Vietnam

Family: Married Marlys Olson; Children: Joel, Craig, and Barbara

Work: Farmed near Harvey until retirement in 1992, Worked for the food pantry a few years