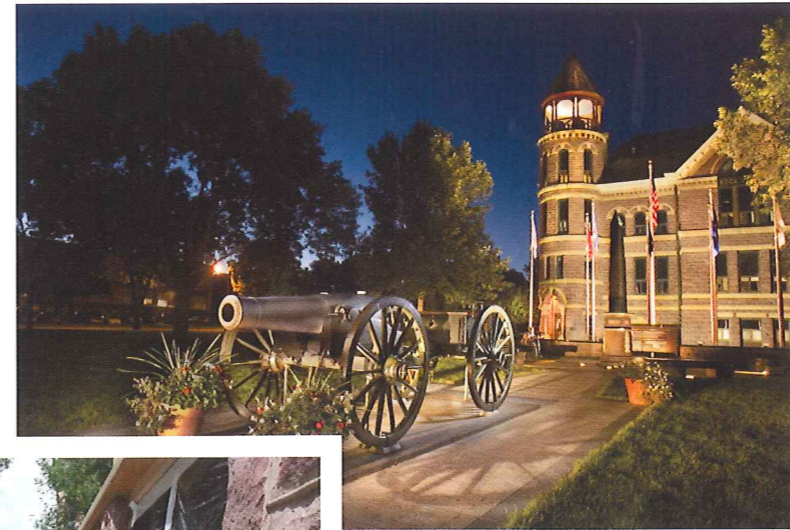
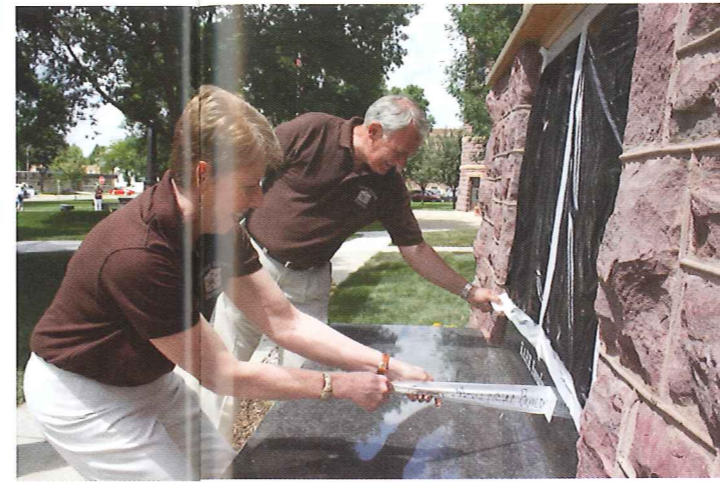
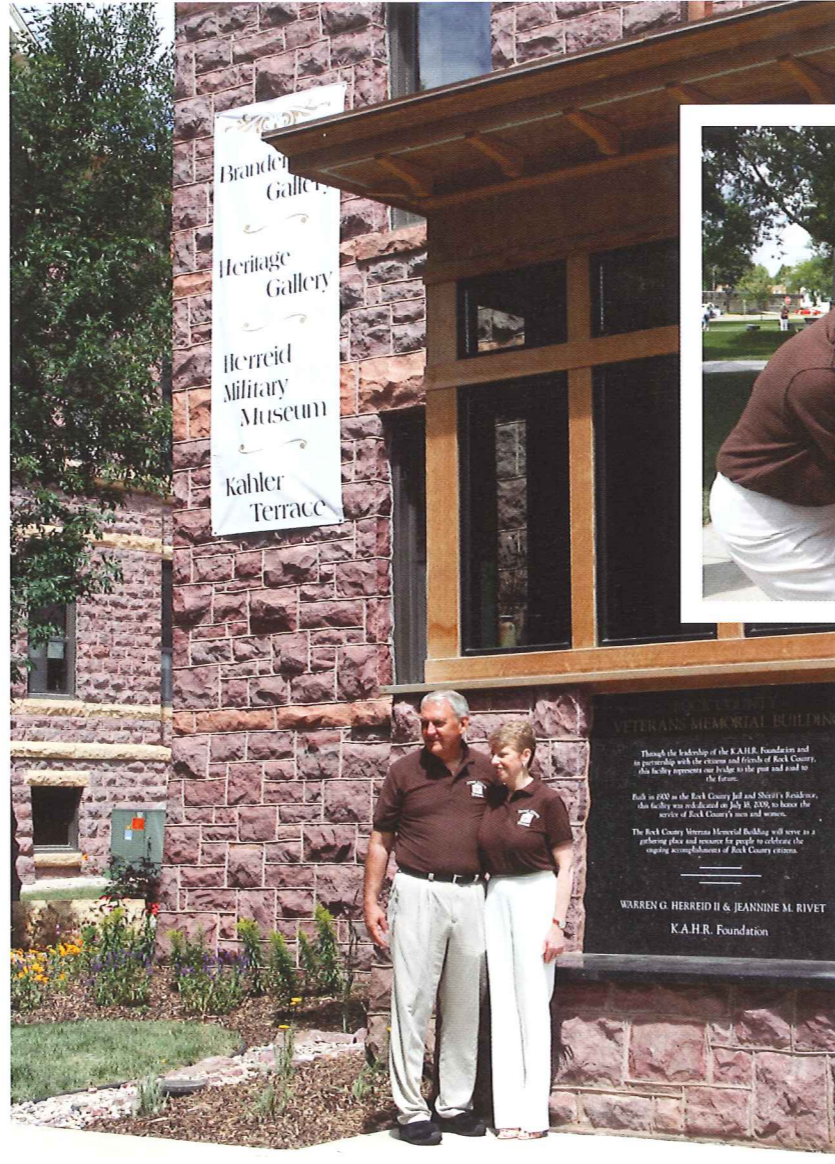


Philanthropist Award



Warren G. Herreid II and Jeannine M. Rivet

The impact of Warren Herreid II and Jeannine Rivet's generosity of time, talent and resources may never be completely identified. These two individuals have been the impetus of many initiatives and projects in Luverne and Rock County, whose wide and lasting reach will continue to see positive benefits through many decades to come for citizens, visitors, businesses and organizations throughout southwest Minnesota.



Warren belongs to two long-time Rock County families. His father, uncles and grandfathers who served in WWI, WWII and Korea inspire a deep commitment to share the community's rich military history. As an executive in the health care industry, Jeannine is respected nationally for helping people live healthier lives and shares a commitment to family, veterans and community.

In 2005, Warren and Jeannine created the K.A.H.R. Foundation, a family foundation for philanthropic endeavors. The letters of the foundation name stand for their surnames and their mother's maiden surnames: Kahler, Archambault, Herreid and Rivet. They have provided great support to many organizations including the Sanford Hospice in Luverne, Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Blue Mound Area Theatre, Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota, Dollars for Scholars, the current Rock County Initiative and others. They are also Growing Home Circle members, contributing to the Southwest Initiative Foundation in ways that reach throughout the entire region.

In 2007, Warren began work with Rock County to renovate the vacated old historic county jail building, starting a project to completely gut the four floors and create a beautiful community space. Today, the building houses an art gallery for acclaimed nature photographer Jim Brandenburg, Luverne Area Chamber office, Herreid Military Museum and meeting space. The attractive Kahler Terrace and Annex and Rock County Veteran's Memorial set off this historic location. K.A.H.R. Foundation contributed more than \$4.1 million towards this building project.

Rock County leaders say Warren and Jeannine aren't the type of people who stand on the sidelines when work is to be done. They respect those who respect others, are partners when asked and leaders when needed. Their gifts have initiated pride in the Luverne community and its heritage and the vision they shared has tapped the community's enthusiasm. Rock County and southwest Minnesota sees a brighter future because they know things are possible through hard work, great partners and strategic vision, as inspired by Warren and Jeannine.