



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's spring season 2017

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Mark Your Calendars!

Sat., May 27th – BIG DAY IN THE VILLAGE

1. **Village-Wide Garage Sale** sponsored by the **Ste. Marie Community Club**, 7 - 11 a.m. Contact: **Julie Warfel** 618-455-3173 if you want to participate.

2. On the same day, the **Sons of the American Legion** will be having their annual cookout. Come early to the Garage Sale and have some delicious **Breakfast Burritos**, served from 7 a.m. **Brats and Pork Burgers** will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

3. **FIRST DAY of the new exhibit at the Foundation House Museum**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come see *Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses*, our new and exciting exhibit that will run for at least a year. It's a must-see, so why not make it a day-long visit to our village – with shopping, food and a museum excursion.

Same day 3/27: **Michl Reunion**. Call 512-552-3167.

Saturday, July 22nd - **Cork & Pork Festival**

Noon to 11 p.m. A *must-attend* event with wine, pork, all-day music from live bands. See details on next page.

Sunday, Sept. 3 – St. Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic, a long-time tradition in Ste. Marie. The **Foundation Museum exhibit** will be open for viewing from 1 – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8 – Sainte Marie Foundation Tenth Anniversary and Sainte Marie's 180th Celebration - Concert by pianist **Jim Litzelman** at 1 p.m., with opener by **Melinda Ochs and Jacelyn Street** playing their winning number from the State Fair Talent Show (See p. 3). Gala reception follows in the Parish Hall. \$10 donation/ticket. More details in the next newsletter.

THE BUSINESS EXHIBIT OPENS



Yes, on the left is the logo for our new exhibit, *Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses*,

Can't you just hear that song, *Takin' Care of Business*, rolling through your head? That's what Sainte Marie did for so many entrepreneurs over the last 180 years. We are honored to have this exhibit which has artifacts, pictures and even an old Pepsi machine (thanks to **Jim Barthelme**, who has loaned us a collection of items from his grandfather's/father's Barthelme Store). But we are also honoring present-day businesses, such as **Hartrich Meats**, the **Sainte Marie State Bank**, and as well as others who have created new and thriving businesses that are the envy of other small communities.

Co-curators **Donna Keller and Mike Hartrich** have been busy collecting items and figuring out how to display them to best advantage. You will love what they have done.



(At left) Here's our replica of one of the village's booming bars – with many artifacts, like imprinted can openers, calendars, glasses, etc. on display. Sainte Marie's early residents were hearty French & German folk who enjoyed their wine or beer as well as a good place to relax, play a game of cards, and talk to others.

The exhibit will open on Sat., May 27, 10am – 2pm.

See the new exhibit *Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses*, every first Sunday of the month from 1 – 3 p.m. or have a special showing for your family/friends by calling 618-455-3153

The Rescue of the Theater Curtain

The old parish hall was soon to be demolished (a few years ago), and **Mike Hartrich**, VP of the Sainte Marie Foundation, was worried.

“I knew there was an old theater curtain still hanging on the stage – rolled up and out of sight – and I knew I had to rescue it before the wreckers came.” He had no idea what condition it would be in, since the old hall had only been used for storage for over 30 years with no heat or air conditioning.

After getting permission from St. Mary’s, Mike recruited his cousin **Bill Hartrich** (former SM mayor and an antiques buff himself), and his nephews, **Craig and Dan Hartrich** (the brawn in this rescue operation!). The four of them used a haphazard combination of ladders and scaffolding to bring down the treasured curtain, still wrapped around a 4” galvanized drain pipe. The bottom was ragged, as if a piece had been ripped off, but otherwise, the painted cloth still looked vivid and lovely.



But you can see for yourself. The beautiful curtain is a featured part of our Business Exhibit (because of all those business ads!).

Thanks to **Kathy Hahn Slankard** for sewing repairs. Her brother, **Larry Hahn**, mounted and hung this Sainte Marie treasure.

There are 34 advertisements around a center landscape scene, which at first glance you think is our Embarras River until your eyes drift up and see the purplish mountains above it. No, definitely not our flat Illinois prairie!! The artist, C.C. Dowlen, of Lawton, OK, worked for a company who sold these painted muslin backdrops nationwide. “It was a fundraiser for local theater companies,” according to SMF’s museum co-curator, **Donna Keller**, “and also a way for local businesses to advertise.”(See 1955 pix in Bonus Pages)

New Businesses in the Area

We welcome **THE HILL**, a new tavern owned by **Roger and Sue Wheat along with Jim French**. It’s on the road (and up a hill) leading to the Yager Bridge. Also, **IRENE’S VINEYARD AND WINERY**, owned by

Robert and Tiffany Boldrey. Follow signs, turning to the east between Ste. Marie and Willow Hill. (Editor’s note: I’ve visited both and they are GREAT additions to our community. Lots of twists and turns on the back roads to Irene’s!)

Cork & Pork Festival

Saturday, July 22nd, Noon to 11 p.m.

\$10 donation entitles you to limited samples of wine from 8 wineries until 7 p.m. Wine is also available by the glass, bottle or case from the wineries.

What’s Available besides the wine?

-Pork Menu – prepared by **Hartrich Meats** and the **Jasper County Pork Producers** – includes pulled pork, 1/3 lb. pork burgers, 1/3 lb. pork burgers with cheese and bacon, *The Porkicle* (America’s Cut loin chop on a stick), pulled pork nachos and *DaBurger*. Available until around 8:30 p.m.

-Homemade baked goods for desserts from noon until around 2 p.m. from the **Sainte Marie Night Home Extension Unit**.

-Beer Garden from noon until closing.

-Live music all day!! Moneka Fullup opens at noon, followed by **The Do-Overs**, and last **Quarter Annie**.

Wineries attending are **Vahling Vineyards; Lasata Wines; Fox Creek Vineyards; Castle Finn Vineyard & Winery; Sleep Creek Vineyards; Homestead Vineyards, Kite Hill Vineyards and Irene’s Vineyard**. You must be 21, and you will be carded. Samples are limited, but you can buy wine by the glass, bottle or case until 7 p.m.

-Also offered: bottled water, souvenirs and photo opportunities **with Corky the Pig and the giant wine glass**. We hope to have a huge wine bottle this year that A & J Welding is working on.

Could you volunteer?

If you would like to help out by working a 2-hour shift or to be one of the sponsors of the event, contact **Donna Keller** @ 618-455-3452 and leave a message.

Please note: This is a Foundation-led Project, raising \$\$ for local causes. Last year, the Cork and Pork organizing committee paid out \$22,800 to local organizations, including \$9,000 to the Jasper County Boys and Girls Park for their new concession stand and handicap bathrooms (for which they raised \$165,000). Other groups benefiting were: 4-H Foundation and local club, St. Mary’s, Jasper County Senior Citizens, Ste. Marie American Legion and its Auxiliary and other worthy groups.

Hope to see you on July 22nd! Come hungry and thirsty!

L – R: **Sue Wheat, Cristina Goss, and Julie Warfel** hosted the Home Extension baked-goods stand at the 2016 Cork and Pork Festival, and they will be back again this year!



Girls (and Boys) State Candidates Wanted

The Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary is looking for candidates who would like to **attend Illini Girls State June 18th - 24th** in EIU in Charleston. You must presently be a junior at Newton Community High School and be an average or above student. Cost to send each girl to Illini Girls State is \$250; the Auxiliary and the Sainte Marie Foundation will sponsor the cost. If you are interested, please text **Donna Keller** @ 618-562-3434. If you would like to know more about Illini Girls State, please check out <http://ilgirlsstate.org/>. And boys, you can attend **Boys State** this summer too. Just contact Donna, and she will connect you to the right people.

Tim Faltemier on Sixty Minutes in January, 2017

Here's what happens when you end up on national TV and have a SM connection By Pat Reis

It's mid-January, and I am half-heartedly watching *Sixty Minutes* -- a segment on the amazing use of drones by our military. A young man is interviewed; his name flashes on the screen – **Tim Faltemier**. Hmm, now that's a very familiar SM name, I muse. Then I get a call from **David Wiltshire**, IN, (one of the **Mon Spitzer** clan). "Did you see *Sixty Minutes*? I'm sure that is one of the SM Faltemier's," he said. "One of "Mouse" (Paul) and Regina's twins was named Tim (now in England). Can you check it out?" (Background: Dave spent many summers in SM with his many Spitzer cousins. The Faltemiers lived next door to this lively clan and often joined in the fun.)

So **Janet Faltemier Sitkewich**, CO, gets an e-mail. Quick reply. "That's my nephew, Ed's son, who grew up in Hawaii." Tim and I connect after a bit of phone tag (he's a busy guy!).

Tim, 35, grew up in Oahu, Hawaii, where his father, **Ed**, was a U.S. Navy officer (now retired but still works for the Navy). An only child, Tim attended Hawaii schools, then headed off to the U. of I, where he met his future wife, **Emily** (now an M.D.). After graduation, he went on to Texas A & M for a Master's Degree and then on the Notre Dame for a Ph. D. – all

in Computer Science, with his Ph.D. research on "face recognition."

Using some Faltemier connections (his cousin **Brian Stone**, son of **Patrick/Rhonda Stone, IL**), Tim starting working at Progeny Systems, a small business in VA, near DC. His job: train computers to "see" as people do ("Anything you can see with your eyes, you can train a computer to *see* and respond to," he says). It was a new side of the business for Progeny, and Tim grew it from 200 to 500 employees. The drone work, featured on *Sixty Minutes*, is only part of his work.

Tim attended the Faltemier Reunion in SM last summer. "It's very different," he says of this village where his father Ed grew up. "Everybody knows everybody." Yes, they do, Tim. And they don't forget the names of people who meant so much to them – like the **Faltemiers, the Stones, the Spitzers**. We hope to see more of **Tim Faltemier** and the important work he is doing. And we hope he brings his two children, **Abigail and Mason**, back to visit this small village where their ancestors once lived and thrived. *See Tim's picture in the BONUS PAGES (the email addition to this newsletter).*

We Get Mail

Tom Hartrich, Jr., OR, writes: *I My siblings and I would like to order an engraved brick on your Memorial Patio in memory of my dad, Tom Hartrich, Sr., and my mom, Jane Clark Hartrich. Our dad's father, Eugene L. Hartrich, and grandfather, also named Eugene Hartrich, son of Ste. Marie pioneer Theodore Hartrich, were born and lived in Ste. Marie. Eugene L. Hartrich moved to St. Louis, which is where our family grew up and where most of them still reside. Thank you, Tom. Yes, we still have bricks available for engraving. Costs are \$200 for a two-line brick and \$400 for a four-line brick (12 characters per line). Your dad and mom would love that you did this for them!*

Catering at the Foundation House

Remember, **Hartrich Meats Catering** will provide meals for parties of six or more who meet or stay at the Foundation House. Call Janet at 618-455-3172 to order your meals.

Transitions

Mary Kathryn Geltz Berry, 88. Recently of Olney. Survived by five children, 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Also, brother **Robert**, and sisters **Betty Knell and Evelyn Kocher**. Mary K. requested that any memorials be donated to the Foundation, and over \$1300 came to us from family and friends. A memorial brick will be engraved in thanks for their generosity (a new policy for memorial donations over \$1,000).

Viola K. (Kocher) Keller, 100. Husband Marion died in 1993. Survived by four children, 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

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The Flower Basket project is ready to go. See 2017 list of supporters in Bonus Pages.

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Sainte Marie Pianist Wins First Prize



(l-r) Jacelyn Street and Miranda Ochs, daughter of Jeff and Lisa Ochs (granddaughter of Rich and Joyce) Ochs. Jacelyn Street is Joyce Reis' niece – another SM connection!!

Yes, these two skilled pianists won **FIRST PRIZE** at the **IL State Fair Talent Show**, doing a version of *C.S. Theme and Variation*, based on the song Chop Sticks. The song was dedicated to pianist/entertainer Victor Borge for his comical duet arrangement. The girls also won first place at the Jasper County Fair talent contest. They will be performing at both fairs this coming summer.

And..... they have agreed to perform as the opening act at the Foundation's **Jim Litzelman concert, Oct. 8th** – a celebration of the Foundation's 10th Anniversary with a gala reception following in the Parish Hall. We can't wait to see their prize-winning act! More details in next newsletter



News about our Board Members – Gina Mullinax Fox
She was there at the beginning – one of three original Board members of the newly formed Sainte Marie Foundation (along with **Maxine Calvert**) and me (Pat Reis) in October 2007. Her status seemed preordained: she was the granddaughter of **Mayme Huber**

Hartrich, who authored the first book of Sainte Marie history for the 125th anniversary and was a dynamo for getting things done in this village. Her mother was **Rosemary Hartrich Mullinax**, author of the 2nd history book on Sainte Marie for the 150th anniversary. Gina was old enough to serve on the committee so she remembers how that famed event came about.

Both her mother and her grandmother have passed, but Gina, a Newton resident, still carries their love and admiration for Sainte Marie.

Gina Fox returned to the Foundation Board in late December. "I am about two years away from retirement," she says, "and I so admire the wonderful history of Sainte Marie. I want to get back to my roots."

Gina left the Board in 2010 to obtain her Master's Degree. That degree led her into the job she has held for the past six years as Jasper County School District Digital Learning Coach and Media Specialist. Before that she taught in the elementary schools for Jasper County School District # 1, including the Sainte Marie school. Her present job takes her to all the district schools, including Newton Community High School (NCHS), her alma mater.

Her resume includes numerous leadership roles, including Jasper County Education Association Co-President; Newton Zoning Board; 100 Women Who Care Steering Committee; Newton Rotary; Sponsor Class of 2019 and other various community and education groups. Married to **Steve Fox**, Gina has three grown daughters (**Leslie Taggart, Sara Grissom and Allison Tharp**), a 16 year old son **Evan** (a sophomore at NCHS), and seven grandchildren. She is looking forward to joining the Foundation Board, and we are all happy to welcome her to the team.

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Sainte Marie Spring Arrives Early

In the third week of February, suddenly the magnolia tree in the front of the Foundation House started blooming, a full month sooner than usual. Soon it was in full bloom, due to the unseemly warm weather. Then, the temperature dropped. A freezing night killed the magnolia blooms, and by the time I saw the tree in mid-March, the blooms were brown and dried but still clinging to the branches. Other early plants survived a bit better, but the early warmth was no friend to our blooming bulbs. We hope for a more normal spring and summer!



Some landscaping changes: We are removing an old, diseased oak from the back of the Foundation House property this spring. The **Mullinax** children have donated monies in memory of their father **Paul** (who also left a memorial donation to the Foundation) and their aunt **Mary Hartrich** so that we will have a new tree to replace the oak. We firmly believe in planting new trees when we have to remove one, so we thank the Mullinax' for their generous contribution.

(At left: The daffodils near the front porch survived the cold spell.)

Also, the old brick barbecue at the northwest corner of the property is gone – replaced by a fenced-in compost area that will make our landscape chair, **Sue Hunzinger Wheat**, very happy. We value our volunteers – and Sue and her husband **Roger** are wonderful stewards of the plants, shrubs and trees that surround the Foundation House.

Thanks to Mont Eagle Mills

Roger and Sue Wheat visited the grain elevator to pick up some fertilizer for our lawn.

When it came time to pay, they were told that the fertilizer was compliments of Mont Eagle Mills – a gift to the Foundation. Thank you to all employees at the Sainte Marie location who are so generous to us!

The Sainte Marie Foundation Board 2017

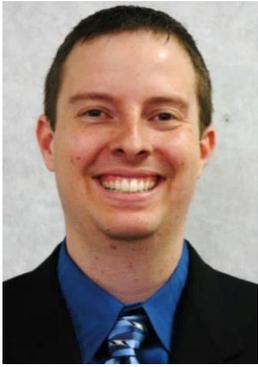


Board members pictured after their Board meeting on March 26, 2017, include:

Front row l-r: Ed Reis; Pat Reis, President; Gina Fox.

Back row l-r: Mike Hartrich, VP; Donna Keller; Kevin Parker, Secretary; Jason Warfel.
Not shown: Ron Kirts, Treasurer

TIM FALTEMIER



*Continued from p. 3: **Tim Faltemier**, (at left) resident of Virginia, attended the Faltemier Reunion last summer in Sainte Marie. His father, **Ed**, who grew up in Sainte Marie, was also in attendance (See group picture below.)*

Your editor sent out the notice of Tim's appearance on *Sixty Minutes* in an e-mail blast to our newsletter subscribers. Here are some responses to that email:

Ken Stone, IA, wrote: *I saw the 60 Minute interview with Tim Faltemier; makes one proud to have such smart relatives (Editor's note: Ken is a first cousin to Tim's dad.). An interesting little factoid; when I graduated from Army flight school in 1960, I was assigned to an intelligence unit at Fort Rucker, Alabama. We had drones that we used for aerial surveillance. I doubt that many people would know that drones have been around for that long. (Editor's note: Speaking of "smart relatives," Ken has a Ph.D. too and is professor emeritus (economics), Iowa State University.)*

Robert Rumpff, Ste. Marie, wrote: *What I found interesting about the piece on drones was the location. It was filmed at the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, CA. I was raised there from the age of 2½ until I went to college at 17. Back then it was called NOTS (the Naval Ordnance Test Station), and I went thru their K-12 education system. (Editor's note: Robert married a SM native, Dottie Valbert, and they retired to SM a few years ago. They are valuable Foundation volunteers – Dottie does the newsletter mailings, and Robert mows our lawn. Always there for us!)*

Faltemier Reunion

Thanks to Janet Faltemier Sitkewich who sent the pix (below) of the **July 3, 1 2016, Faltemier Reunion** in Sainte Marie. Sixty relatives attended. Janet and her husband Jorge have moved to CO – 12 mi. south of Denver. She will be near several of her children and grandchildren. Anyone visiting Denver has an invitation to visit! Janet leads a very active life with gardening, crafts, grandchildren, and two days of math tutoring each week. So nice to hear from you, Janet.



2nd Faltemier Reunion July 3, 2016

1st Cousins:

Ken Stone (Hamer + Martha), Janet Sitkewich (Paul + Regina),
Bill Faltemier (Edward + Elvera), Ed Faltemier (Paul + Regina),
Donna Kelley (Edward + Elvera), Jim Faltemier (Paul + Regina),
Patty Caton (Paul + Regina), Marlene Faltemier (Paul + Regina),
Tom Faltemier (Paul + Regina)

Not in Attendance:

Ron Anderson, Ted Stone, Mary Stone, Julie Emmerich,
Tim Faltemier

Deceased: Joe Faltemier, Bud Stone, Shirley Kraus, Pat Stone

The Theater Curtain around 1955



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Pix of the parish hall stage curtain taken in 1955 or so at a music show performed by local actors, (picture from **Ron and Carolyn Kirts**). That's **Karen Reis Young** (now WI) in white blouse at left, pianist, and **Jim Hahn**, guitarist (deceased), at right. Others not identified.

The Merriman Clan



That's **Mary Evelyn Merriman**, 88, front row center, with her nine children at a reunion last summer in northern Indiana. Mrs. Merriman sends us typed notes about her life and family, which we thoroughly enjoy. Her mother was **Arethra Spitzer Hartman**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Emil "Mon" Spitzer**. The Indianapolis-based Hartmans were frequent summer visitors in Ste. Marie, so Mary Evelyn has fond childhood memories of our village.

HOUSES FOR SALE IN SAINTE MARIE

Contact Mayor Jack Thompson 618-455-3579 to discuss available homes. We would welcome you!!!

2017 FLOWER BASKET SUPPORTERS

We thank all the following individuals/businesses for their generosity. The monies collected support not only the Flower Baskets, but also the work of the Sainte Marie Foundation each year. Someone commented the other day, “*Oh, yes. The Flower Baskets – everyone from all over talks about how beautiful they are, and they wonder how a small village like Ste. Marie can do them so well!*” We are fortunate to have generous volunteers like **Bob and Tammy Frye**, who plant the containers and supervise their care throughout the summer – and daily waterers like **Ron Kirts, Marie Wagner and Maxine Calvert** (who came up with the idea of the Flower Baskets). Marie and Maxine cannot help this summer, so we are looking for another couple of waterers. Let Bob and Tammy (618-455-3524) know if you can help. Thanks also to **Carolyn Keller** for making up the lists!

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CORK & PORK Festival

Sainte Marie, IL



Saturday July 22, 2017 at Picquet Park

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES



Dorothy Helregel Mathious rehearsing for her Foundation concert in 2011.



Mary Hartrich in 2009 when she was Parade Marshall for a miniature parade at a "Come Back Home" Foundation event. Mary was an avid supporter of the Sainte Marie Foundation, and we miss her kind words of encouragement. We are happy that her Mullinax nieces and nephew are planting a tree at the Foundation House in her memory.