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Sainte Marie Foundation's New Board Member

At a recent board meeting, the Sainte Marie Foundation welcomed Kevin Parker as a new director.

"Kevin is very interested in seeing a small village like Ste. Marie survive and thrive in these days of the vanishing small town," says Patricia Reis, Foundation President. "That is also one of the main objectives of the Foundation."

Parker has been Jasper County State's Attorney since 2008 and was the county's Resident Circuit Judge from 2005 – 2008. He is a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Ste. Marie, as well as the Newton Rotary Club, the Newton Knights of Columbus (both 3rd and 4th Degree Councils) and St. Thomas Catholic Church. Parker also serves on the board of the Sunrise Community Center and is vice president of the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. A Newton resident, he is the father of Meghan and Delaney.

"I don't want to see places like this little jewel of a town disappear," said Parker, "so I am pleased to join the Board of an organization that is determined to maintain the village's history as well as its contact with many former residents who still love Sainte Marie and want to help it succeed."

Other Sainte Marie Foundation Board members include: Ron Kirts, Vice President; Mike Hartrich, Secretary; Maxine Calvert, Treasurer, and Annette Hahn Kirts.

The Sainte Marie Foundation is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie.



Kevin Parker