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DIRECTORS ADDED TO FOUNDATION BOARD

The Sainte Marie Foundation recently added two new directors to its Board of Directors.

Ron Kirts, longtime Ste. Marie resident and former owner of Ablinger and Kirts, will serve a three-year term. Kirts grew up in Ste. Marie and has only lived outside the town while in the military for two years. He is a former president of the Village Board and is very active in St. Mary's Parish. Though retired, he still maintains an active electrical consulting business. He and his wife Carolyn have four children and seven grandchildren.

Mike Hartrich, retired Newton Community High School (NCHS) athletic director, was also elected to a three year term. Hartrich grew up in Ste. Marie but has lived in Newton for many years with his wife Teresa (two children, four grandchildren). Hartrich had a long career in education – he taught junior high English for nine years at Newton Junior High School and at West Junior High before moving on to NCHS where he taught English and American History for 29 years. He has also coached basketball, baseball and track. Though retired, he works part time at Hartrich Meats, Ste. Marie, with his brothers and also coaches cross country and track for NCHS.

Other Foundation directors are Maxine Calvert and Gina Mullinax Fox, both Ste. Marie residents, and Patricia Reis, Chicago.

The Sainte Marie Foundation is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ste. Marie. The Foundation has IRS 501(c)(3) status, making all contributions tax-deductible. For further information, call 618-455-3227.