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## NEW SAINTE MARIE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

The Sainte Marie Foundation recently added two new Board members.

**Ed Reis,** Robinson, IL, is a retired CPA and a former partner at Kemper CPA Group in Robinson. While working there for 43 years, he served 20 as manager of the Robinson office. Ed grew up on a farm south of Sainte Marie, a son of Gene and Zita Reis, since deceased. He and wife Linda have three children and eight grandchildren.

**Jason Warfel**, vice president of Kuhl Trailer Sales, Ingraham, moved to Sainte Marie in 2011 when he married wife Julie, co-owner of The Gas Station. He was a key member of the 2012 Quartoseptcentennial (175<sup>th</sup>) Committee, creating their website and other social media sites. After the event, he worked with the Foundation to meld their aging website with the celebration website. Jason and Julie are parents of Cora Raelynn, featured in the 175<sup>th</sup> historical book as "Sainte Marie's Newest Resident."

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. The Foundation plans to open a museum in 2014.

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Picture caption: Sainte Marie Foundation board members pose outside the Foundation House in mid-October. (L-R) Ed Reis, Robinson; Mike Hartrich, vice-president Newton; Patricia Reis, president, Chicago; Donna Keller, Sainte Marie; Ron Kirts, treasurer, Sainte Marie; Kevin Parker, secretary, Newton; and Jason Warfel, Sainte Marie.

