



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's summer season 2017

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Don't miss the 2017 Cork and Pork Festival!!

*Music for the 2017 Cork & Pork Festival
Saturday, July 22nd
Starting at Noon in Sainte Marie*



Quarter Annie

MUSIC all day!!! And what else at this grand party that raises \$\$ for local-area organizations?

Wine: A \$10 donation buys you an empty glass and the opportunity to sample wine from attending wineries: 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.

Food: *Local pork prepared by Hartrich Meats and the Jasper County Pork Producers.* Features pulled pork (and don't miss the nachos that are "to die for"), pork burgers, *The Porkcicle* (America's Cut loin chop on a stick) and *DaBurger*. Available til 8:30 p.m. Also homemade baked goods from the Sainte Marie Night Home Extension from noon until 2 p.m.

Beer Garden: Open noon until closing.

We could not do this event without the support of our SPONSORS. See list on next page!

CORK AND PORK SPONSORS

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Cork and Pork Set-Up And Take Down

Set-up is Friday, July 21st at 5 pm.

Clean-up on Sunday starts at 10 am.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 22nd - Cork & Pork Festival

Noon to 11 p.m. A *must-attend* event with wine, pork, beer and all-day music from live bands. Foundation House museum open from 1 - 5 p.m.

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 2 p.m., with opener by **Melinda Ochs and Jacelyn Street** playing their winning number from the State Fair Talent Show. Concert. At St. Mary's. Gala reception follows in the Parish Hall. \$10 donation/ticket; \$15 at door. See form on next page to order tickets.

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Village of Sainte Marie

Transitions

Louise G. (Helregel) Keller, 95. Husband Vince preceded her in death. Survived by 8 children, 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Orville Joshua Milliman, 92. Survivors include wife Dorothy and 7 children, including his son **Dale** who has been our contractor on a number of projects at the Foundation House.

We Get Mail

From **Ed Faltemier** (Faltemier@hawaii.rr.com)

Thank you for taking the time to interview our son, Tim, and for the wonderful article in the (Spring) news-letter. Yes, we are very proud of him but even more proud to have grown up in Sainte Marie. No small town can compare. The community support, the giving attitude of the entire community, and the pride that everyone takes in their home town makes Sainte Marie a very special place. It makes me happy that my parents and my family share in the history of such a great town.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Sunday, October 8, 2017, 2 p.m.

Piano Concert by James Litzelman (See bio below)
Opening number by IL State Fair Talent Show
Winners Melinda Ochs and Jacelyn Street

**Where: St. Mary's Church with gala reception
following in Parish Hall to celebrate the Foundation's
10th and Ste. Marie's 180th Anniversaries!**

**Tickets: \$10; \$15 day of event (see coupon below to
order) or pick up at Sainte Marie State Bank**



James Litzelman, who was born and raised in the Ste. Marie- area (son of **Don and Christine Litzelman**) enjoys a successful career as a pianist, teacher and lecturer, having performed and lectured in the United States, Mexico, Europe, China and Russia. In demand for master classes,

adjudicating and workshops, he presents lectures nationally and internationally to various music organizations and has judged competitions throughout the eastern and southern United States.

Dr. Litzelman's path in the musical world has not been a traditional one. He grew up on a farm and didn't begin to study piano until the age of 16, studying piano with **Sandra Nichols** before attending Eastern Illinois University as a student of Dr. Catherine Smith, where he received a BM degree in piano performance. Near the end of his doctoral studies in piano performance at the Catholic University of America, he was diagnosed with

focal dystonia, a neuromuscular disorder that afflicts classical pianists and guitarists in a disproportionate number. He began to research the causes of this condition, and through retraining and physical therapy with a gifted Rolfer, Dr. Litzelman has regained his capability at the instrument.

As a result of his dystonia diagnosis, Dr. Litzelman has become a passionate advocate for pianistic health, regularly lecturing on healthful piano technique at music conferences and symposiums. He has spent the last 20 years seriously investigating piano technique and how one may play the piano in the most physiologically correct way. This work has been of enormous benefit to his students, with many pianists seeking his insight because of their own or their students' problems.

Dr. Litzelman is a published writer with numerous articles appearing in musical journals such as *Keyboard Companion* and the *American Music Teacher*. Dr. Litzelman currently serves as chairman of the editorial committee of the *American Music Teacher* magazine, the official journal of the Music Teachers National Association, is a reviewer of new books and music for that periodical, and is a nationally certified music teacher.

Since 1993, Dr. Litzelman has been a member of the piano faculty at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He teaches applied piano and courses in piano pedagogy and musicians' wellness, and directed the graduate piano pedagogy program at CUA from 2000-2010. Most recently, Litzelman was invited to teach a course in piano pedagogy at the University of Maryland, College Park. Litzelman is particularly interested in teaching young people, and he maintains an active, independent studio at his home in Arlington, Virginia. His students have been prize winners in many local and national competitions.

**Don't miss this opportunity to hear Jim play and also
provide commentary about his life and his music.**

Order advance tickets to the 10th Anniversary Concert/Gala with Jim Litzelman

____ **No. of tickets needed @ \$10 each (\$15 at door). Total check enclosed** _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____ **Phone:** _____

Make check payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation and send to: Norma Ochs, PO Box 155, Ste. Marie, IL 62459

Sainte Marie Foundation
P.O. Box 186
Sainte Marie, IL 62459



Mike Hartrich, Foundation VP and co-curator of the Museum, greets you every 1st Sunday of the month when the museum is open from 1-3 p.m.

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Business Exhibit Opens To Rave Reviews

In late May, the new exhibit, ***Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses***, opened at the Foundation House museum. Co-curator **Mike Hartrich** reports that nearly 40 people have already stopped by to view the artifacts, pictures and other memorabilia collected for this exhibit. (See more in the Bonus Pages of this newsletter.)

Most items are on loan from friends, so this is a very special opportunity to see such items as the **Barthelme Store** collection owned by **Jim Barthelme** (son of **Gilbert Barthelme**, one of the last owners of the store) and **John Alblinger's** work shirt from the **Alblinger and Kirts** collection loaned by **Ron and Carolyn Kirts**. Old machines used by the **Sainte Marie State Bank**, one of the village's oldest businesses, have a special place in the museum room. Today's businesses include **Hartrich Meats**, **D M Manufacturing II**, **The Gas Station** and many others.

The exhibit is open the 1st Sunday of the month from 1 – 3 p.m. or by special request: call 618-783-8678.

Antique Picture Donated to Foundation

In the past few years, we have borrowed **Harold and Clara Kocher's** 1923 picture (see pix at left) of Fr. Virnich and the *original* St. Mary's Church (it burned in the early 1930's when struck by lightning) for several exhibitions – one honoring the village's 175th anniversary and the other last year when we had the Sainte Marie Churches' exhibit.



Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Kocher donated this valuable picture to the Foundation. We particularly appreciate this large, ornately-framed photograph because it is one of the few pictures of the original church – which included a very tall steeple that towered over the small village. The steeple was not replaced when the church was rebuilt after the fire.

Father Virnich had built this fine church during his long tenure as the pastor of St. Mary's, so when he celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest, he had his picture superimposed on the church picture. You can now view this wonderful addition to our collection when you visit the Foundation House. Special thanks to the Kocher's for this very special donation.

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FAMILY REUNIONS

We welcome these pictures from the **Lawrence and Sophie Michl Family Reunion**, held on May 27th. Thanks to the reunion group who visited the Foundation House Museum while they were in town.



**Joann Francis Michl and Frances
(Bub) Michl**



**Joann Frances Michl, Aunt Helen, Sophie
Michl's only surviving sibling, Fred Michl
and Judy Michl**



Helregel Reunion 2017 at the Parish Center, Sainte Marie – from Judy Helregel Millsap



Transitions *(this came in after the newsletter was printed in late June)*

Linda Jean Kocher, 69. Survived by sister Janet Kistner, nieces and nephews. Parents, Urban and Dolores, preceded her in death.

Additional Sponsors for Cork and Pork, July 22

(Arrived after the paper newsletter had been printed)

NAPA Auto Parts - Newton - Oblong - Robinson
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The Medicine Shoppe/Poehler's Pharmacy -
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Meyer Funeral Homes

A Possible New Food Business

By Pat Reis

Both the Sainte Marie Foundation and the Village of Ste. Marie are always ready to welcome new businesses to the area, so when we heard that **Matt Martin**, son of former resident **Carol Cameron Martin** (deceased), had moved to the county and was interested in opening a restaurant or food truck here, we hosted an evening at the Foundation House with related business owners to encourage Matt. We also sampled his delicious recipes.

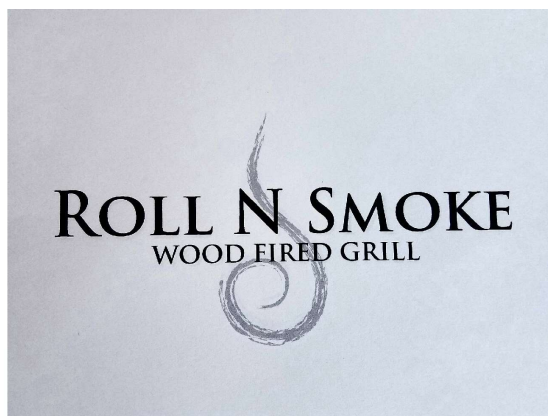
We hope to soon announce that his business, **Roll n' Smoke**, is in operation. You will LOVE his products! (See pix of his new smoker, logo and food truck below.)

Those attending the meeting on March 21, 2017 at the Foundation House included: **Bonnie Kraus - Hi Benders; Roger Wheat - The Hill; Phyllis & Gene Ochs - Sainte Marie American Legion Post 932; Tiffany & Bob Boldrey - Irene's Vineyard; Dan Hartrich - Hartrich Meats (as a quality meat source) and Jack Thompson - Village of Sainte Marie President and co-owner of The Gas Station.**

From the Foundation: **Pat Reis**, President, and **Donna Keller**, Board Member. Also attending were **Rick & Peg (Cameron) Cochran** –Matt's uncle and aunt, of Newton. Matt recently moved to the area from Texas.



Matt Martin, Owner



The Barthelme Store Collection Now at Museum

Jim Barthelme, Robinson, will admit that he never thought he would become a collector of his father and grandfather's business artifacts. In fact, he didn't start collecting until long after his father Gilbert closed the store in 1972.

"I noticed that in the late '70's, auctions began carrying a lot of the items that The Barthelme Store gave away for Christmas gifts. There were plates, cups, calendars, and lots of other items with the name and address of the store on them," says Jim. "The irony was that my dad and grandfather gave the items away for FREE, and here I was buying them back at auctions – sometimes for hefty prices!"

The Barthelme Store was originally owned by **Ed Barthelme**, Jim's grandfather. When it burned in 1947, the store reopened as Ed Barthelme's Sons – owned by **Francis (Bud) and Gilbert Barthelme**.

The Foundation sincerely thanks Jim for loaning so many items for this exhibit. Below are pictures of some of his artifacts:



At left:

Jim had this old Pepsi case refinished – blue paint sprayed on by a Robinson auto refinisher and drawings re-lettered by an older Robinson resident. It sits on the back porch of the Foundation House for the time being, as it was too large to fit into the Museum Room's Business Exhibit. Don't miss seeing this beauty when you visit the Foundation House.



At left above are many of the giveaway items from the on loan from Jim Barthelme's collection. Volunteer John Lybarger built the shelves to house all the grocery items, some from Lybarger's own collection. All are on display in the Museum Room at the Foundation House.



This is the “string holder” that hung in the Barthelme Store. The clerk would pull on the string (hanging at lower right), unfurling enough so he/she could tie up a package of meat or produce. Please note that the advertisement is for Mont Eagle Mills, the precursor of the firm that today owns the grain elevator in Ste. Marie (and other locations, with parent offices still in Oblong). Jim says he “paid a lot” for this item at auction “because I had a competitor who kept bidding against me. I finally told him, ‘I don’t care how high you go, I am not giving up!’” And that is how he became the owner of this unique piece, now hanging from the ceiling in the Museum Room at the Foundation House (a very unique piece only here during the Business exhibit).

CORK & PORK Festival

Sainte Marie, IL

Saturday July 22, 2017 at Picquet Park



Limited Wine Tastings \$10 w/ ID - 12 to 7 pm - Includes a wine glass



GREAT LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT NOON UNTIL 11:30 P.M.

Moneka Fullup - The Do-Overs - Quarter Annie

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