



# Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's spring season 2014

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## From the President

Spring is slow to arrive in Sainte Marie (SM). An early April visit revealed a flooding river that fortunately did NOT close the road going north, a few daffodils blooming, and still the dreary look of winter-grey. Everyone is ready for warmer weather, especially the farmers. But a rural community carries on with heads held high, so optimism blooms in Sainte Marie.

## Plans for Grand Opening Aug. 30

We're having *a ribbon-cutting at the Foundation House on Sat., Aug. 30*. Our agreement with the construction company, DCA, who gave us the House, has ended, so the House is totally ours to use as we see fit.

We intend to have a formal ceremony starting with an Honor Guard from the American Legion Post #932 at 1 p.m. and a short program to honor all the volunteers who have given extraordinary time and resources to renovating this old house. There will be music – a string band with **Judy Helregel Millsap**, son **Ryan** and daughter **Krista** (plus more), as well as refreshments. The Museum officially opens with the exhibit *Sainte Marie: Touched by War*, featuring stories and artifacts of SM citizens' involvement in wars from the Spanish-American War to present-day conflicts. Come explore!

This grand opening is a *don't miss* event, followed by an Open House on Sunday, Aug. 31 during the church picnic. More details in next newsletter.

## Wanted: Veteran's Pictures by May 23

We need pictures of SM veterans who served in various wars, from the Spanish American War to present day conflicts. Please attach the photo to a piece of paper with the name, branch of armed service (and rank if you know it) BELOW the picture (not on the back).

**Annette Lynch** will prepare a video of all of these pictures for our opening MUSEUM EXHIBIT, *Sainte Marie: Touched by War*. You may drop the photos off with **Kathy Hahn Slankard** at the **Sainte Marie State Bank**. These photos will be scanned and then returned to you via the Bank, so make sure your name, address and phone number are on the envelope. Or you may scan them yourself (highest resolution possible) and e-mail to [alynchvideo@mail.com](mailto:alynchvideo@mail.com). **Deadline: May 23.**

## Our Newest Project

Here is an opportunity to put you or your loved ones' names on a more permanent place in Sainte Marie. We are creating a patio that will have engraved bricks available for sale. By buying these bricks, you will be assisting in a fundraising effort that will keep the Foundation in a healthy financial place for some time, we hope. See page three inside for details and a form you can complete – either for an engraved brick or for a bench with a plaque on it. Do this now. We hope to have the patio in place by Labor Day weekend when we officially open the Museum. Thanks to **Gene and Madonna Hahn Schackmann**, Newton, for spearheading this project. **Deadline: May 30, 2014**

## Spring Clean-up at Foundation House

**Robert Rumpff** (pix) scoops mulch out of **Annette**



**Lynch's** truck during a clean-up session in the Foundation House yard on March 22. **Ron and Carolyn Kirts** and **Bob Helregel** had been there earlier in the week to mulch leaves and pick up limbs (lots were down because of the fierce winter). You can

see that the limbs are still bare on all those trees in the background. This winter has been a difficult one across the Midwest, and Sainte Marie was not spared. It was snow, snow and more snow with extremely cold temperatures.

## Transitions

**William Wait**, 98, husband of **Mary Kathryn "Katie" Keller Wait**, at his home in Seal Beach, CA. Katie is **Art Keller's** sister.

**Marjorie Barthelme Hartrich**, 95, longtime SM resident who recently lived near her son Dave in Decatur, IL. Co-owner of Hartrich Grocery with husband "Snook" and son Kenny, both deceased. Son Dennis, TN, also survives.

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## Flower Basket Sponsors 2014

*Our popular Flower Basket project continues. These sponsors' names will be posted on the old bank windows during the summer season:*



- American Legion Post #932
- BJ's Interior Decorating
- Sylvia Brinkoetter
- Geier Oil
- Hahn Remodeling & Construction
- Hartrich Meats, Inc.
- Hi-Benders, Inc.
- HSF Excavating, Inc.
- Paul & Carolyn Keller

- Peoples State Bank
- Sainte Marie State Bank
- State Rep. David Reis & Family

## In Memory Of

- Joe & Madeline Goss – from their children & families
- Alice Keller - from the Arthur Keller Family
- The Family of James & Louise Keller -from Arthur Keller
- John & Bertha (Keller) Geiger; Frank (Popeye) Rubsam; Marion Janes; Deanie Geiger - from their family
- Rosemary Mullinax - from her children
- Bernard & Marie Ochs - from all their family
- Bernard & Marie Ochs - from Rich & Joyce Ochs
- The Spitzer Family - from Paul & Marcia Rexroat
- Maude & Francis Wagner - from Barbara, Caroline, Marie, Judy, Pat, Nancy & Mary

## In Honor Of

- Our local service men & women past & present - from D. M. Manufacturing II
- Charles Hershel "Hutch" Valbert - from Robert & Dottie Rumpp & Elizabeth Valbert

## We Dine Again in Sainte Marie

We all continue to grieve that we no longer have a full-scale restaurant in SM. All equipment and furnishings in the Hideout building were recently sold at auction.



**Hartrich Meats Catering** has responded to our request to fill the gap. **Janet Hartrich** (left) will provide meals for parties of six or more who stay at the Foundation House. You just need to give her a few days advance notice (breakfast, lunch or dinner menus available) for delivery or pick-up of your chosen meal. No Sundays, please, but Janet could

prepare a dish that you could heat up yourself for a Sunday meal in the House's fully-equipped kitchen (except we have no dishwasher!).

This service provides a way for families to enjoy a wonderful family/friends meal at the Foundation House, when they are visiting for a weekend (or even for a "day in Sainte Marie"). Call Janet at **618-455-3172**.

And don't forget those great **pizzas-to-go** at **The Gas Station**. They get rave reviews! Call **618-455-3700**.

## To Book the Foundation House

Plan ahead, if you and your family wish to stay at the Foundation House. Make reservations with **Ron or Carolyn Kirts 618-455-3153**.

## Sleep Better at the Foundation House

Thanks to an **anonymous donor** who gave us \$1,000, we are getting at least two new mattresses and springs for the double beds at the House. And **Tom Wright of Wright Furniture** in Dieterich likes what we are doing so much that he gave us a large discount for these items. Thanks to both donors!

## Need Items for Museum at Foundation House

Many of you loved the museum displays that we had up for the 175<sup>th</sup> weekend in 2012. Most of those items were "on loan" from Foundation friends. If you have something related to the war exhibit (starting Aug. 30) that you think the museum might want to display (letters, pictures, clothing, equipment, etc., please consider a loan to us for about a year. We promise to return any items to you at the end of the exhibit. Contact **Mike Hartrich** at 618-783-8678 or e-mail [mdhartrich@hotmail.com](mailto:mdhartrich@hotmail.com) for further information.

## Workday at the House – Sat. May 10 , 9 – 3

Help us do an inventory of everything at the Foundation House, as we prepare for a new era of having the place all to ourselves. There will be yard clean-up and painting (always painting!!), so wear old clothes and prepare to have a good time as we tackle the projects that keep the House in such pristine condition. Lunch provided.

## We Get Mail

From **Nancy (Nix) Ochs**: *Ben and I would love to get the Foundation newsletter via e-mail. Sometimes I stop by the post office to see if there is a copy, but am unsure when it will come out. It's truly enjoyable reading about people who used to live here as well as current people. Keep up the good work!!* **Editor's note: We are happy to put you on our e-mail list, Nancy. Saves us postage \$\$.** Besides, the e-mail newsletter often has more content than the one we mail. We aren't restricted to four pages!



## **The Patio Project**

**Kenny Hartrich** grew up in Sainte Marie (SM) and loved his hometown, even though he moved to Newton years ago. He was the “go to” person when anyone needed info about Sainte Marie history. He planned the Hartrich/Picquet Reunions and made sure that people had an opportunity to tour the historical town on each occasion.

So when Ken died in 2013, his wife **Sandra** wanted to do something in Sainte Marie to honor his memory. She donated \$2,000 to the Foundation in his memory, with the hope that we would buy benches or something similar on which we could engrave Ken’s name. The Foundation Board was planning to put a patio on the south side of the Foundation House, so Sandra’s gift gave us the incentive to execute our plan. The patio will include a large center stone honoring Kenny and his love for Sainte Marie.

*We have so many other Sainte Marie friends who want to memorialize or honor their relatives, friends or entire families. Here is your chance to do so.*

**BUY AN ENGRAVED BRICK for our new patio** – thus helping to raise funds for the Foundation House AND also putting IN STONE the names or intentions that you want preserved. By doing so, you will be helping the Foundation beautify our landscaping, create a place for our outdoor programs and also provide some extra funds to maintain the Foundation House. We hope to have the patio in place by Labor Day weekend.

**Your donation will buy:**

\_\_\_ **4” x 8” stone – 2 lines of engraving with 12 characters per line (including spaces) = \$200.00**

\_\_\_ **8” x 8” stone – 4 lines of engraving with 12 characters per line (including spaces) = \$400.00**

\_\_\_ **Bench with engraved plaque (please limit characters to 60, including spaces) = \$600.00**

**TO ORDER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please insert letters in boxes below for each line on the stone. *For bench – just send wording on attached paper or card.*

\_\_\_ **4 x 8 stone - TWO LINES ONLY with 12 characters per line (please insert letters and spaces into boxes)**


\_\_\_ **For 8” x 8” stone – FOUR LINES with 12 characters per line (please insert letters and spaces into boxes)**


**DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2014**

Please enclose check made **payable to the Sainte Marie Foundation** and send to:

**Sainte Marie Foundation, P.O. Box 186, Sainte Marie, IL 62459. Questions? Madonna Schackmann 618-783-3874**

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## **Put on your 2014 calendar:**

### **April 19, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0 – 8**

Meet Community Club sponsors at Picquet Park for this gala event.

**May 10 – Saturday Workday at Foundation House** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Let us know if you can make it. You can stay at the Foundation House if you come in from out of town. Lunch provided. We work, but have lots of fun too!

### **May 24, 7 -11 a.m. Village Wide Garage Sale**

The Community Club sponsors this annual **Village Wide Garage Sale**. Sign up now by contacting **Julie Warfel** 618-455-3173 or **Christina Goss** 618-455-3435. The **Sons of the American Legion (SAL)** will be serving breakfast burritos, pork burgers and bratwurst until 1:00 p.m. or until they run out. SAL will also host a garage sale at the Post home and a gun raffle at 12:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 30 – Grand Opening at Foundation House** (see article on p. 1)

### **Sunday, August 31 – St. Mary’s Picnic**

This is an event we all look forward to each year, as it’s really a “homecoming” for many of us. You can still make a donation to the BIG TICKET or at least buy some quilt or Big Ticket chances, as this is St. Mary’s major fundraiser for the year. Contact: **Judy Wagner** at [stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com](mailto:stmaryschurch@psbnewton.com) or 618-455-3155.



### **Foundation House in Spring 2014**

The Foundation House roof replacement is not quite complete. The new roof took longer to replace than anticipated last Nov., so the roofers are scheduled to return and tear off the tin roofs above the kitchen and two back rooms, replacing with shingles to match the rest of the House. On the far right, you can see a glimpse of the magnolia tree in full bloom at the front of the House. So beautiful!

And the new roof looks great too. Thanks to all who supported our efforts. Cost so far: over \$15,000. It’s a big house! That’s **Annette Lynch’s golf cart**, our

favorite way to get around in Sainte Marie, as long as we stay off the busy roads.

### **REMEMBER THOSE FAMILY REUNIONS!**

The **Barthelme Family Reunion** will take place on July 19-20. Contact: **Jean Barthelme Regas** [jeanre@att.net](mailto:jeanre@att.net).

**The Hartrich/Picquet Reunion: August 2-3** On Saturday, August 2, there will be a 4 p.m. mass at St. Mary's followed by a catered meal at the parish hall. On Sunday at noon, come for a cook out/BBQ at Picquet Park. The reunion will also include tours of the town and the Foundation House. Contact **Mike Hartrich** at [mdhartrich@hotmail.com](mailto:mdhartrich@hotmail.com) or 618-783-8678 for more details and registration, including hotel availability.

## **BONUS PAGES FOR E-MAIL EDITION**

On Saturday, April 5, St. Mary's held its annual Mission Carnival, sponsored by the PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes that meet on Wednesday evenings. It was from 5-6:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Parish Center. All proceeds were sent to St. Labre Indian School in Montana. Since your editor attended and brought her camera along, she was able to capture some joyful faces at the event.



The **Don Geltz family** (l to r) **Bobbi, Don, Carly** with **Kelsi** center front. Carly was recently confirmed. Don owns **DM Manufacturing II** and has helped the Foundation with a number of projects.



**Janet Hartrich** (Hartrich Meats Catering) and her granddaughter **Kaylee Lurkins** were all smiles at the event.



**Lucie Hartrich** (left) is Kaylee's great grandmother. Lucie's wedding dress will be featured in our **Touched by War Exhibit** because it was made by her grandmother out of a World War II silk parachute brought home by Lucie's future husband, Harold Hartrich.



(l to r) **Donna Boehl** and **Judy Helregel Millsap** confer in the kitchen at the gala event. Judy's acoustic music group will provide music for the Grand Opening of the Foundation House on August 30.



**Spring is on its way.** This is the magnolia tree in front of the Foundation House, not quite in full bloom on April 4th. St. Mary's Church and rectory are in the background.

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*Couldn't resist sending this, which came from the Internet via **Mike Hartrich**:*

On the sixth day, God turned to Archangel Gabriel and said, "Today I am going to create an area of land called The Midwest. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall hills and rolling plains full of game and eagles, beautiful sparkling lakes bountiful with bass and streams full of trout, forests full of deer and turkeys, valleys with fertile soil with an abundance of nutrients to grow things, and rivers teeming with fish."

God continued, "I shall make the land rich in resources so as to make the inhabitants prosper, I shall call these inhabitants Midwesterners, and they shall be known as the most friendly people on the earth."

But Lord," asked Gabriel, "don't you think you are being too generous to these Midwesterners??"

**"Not really," replied God.. "Just wait and see the winters I am going to give them!"**

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From your editor:

Thank you to the **Ste. Marie Community Club** for the lovely plaque they recently presented to me. The words say, *IN APPRECIATION OF Patricia Reis, President of the Sainte Marie Foundation, for her hard work and dedication in bringing her dream of a book for Sainte Marie's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to reality. It is truly a commemoration of which to be proud and which is now part of Sainte Marie history. June 29th – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.*

I thank you for the recognition and also thank the many people who helped me create this memorable book. And special thanks to the Community Club who led the very successful three-day event. You can still buy a book, if we somehow missed you. Cost is now \$20, plus postage if we mail, and you will have a hard-cover, 216-page treasure.

*Patricia Reis, April 2014*

**DON'T FORGET! We need pictures of veterans, and we need them NOW. See the article on page 1 about how you can help us make a great video for our museum opening exhibit.**