



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's summer season 2018

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Don't miss the 2018 Cork and Pork Festival!!

Music for the Ste. Marie 2018 CORK & PORK FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY - JULY 14TH - STARTING AT NOON



1 Man Monster will start at Noon



Moneka Fullop will start about 4:00 pm



Quarter Annie & Friends will start about 8:00 pm

MUSIC all day!!! And what else at this grand party that has raised over \$59,000 in the last three years for local-area/Jasper County 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; 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.

Beer Garden: Open noon until closing. Bottled water also available for purchase.

CORK AND PORK SPONSORS *Please tell them thank you!!!!*

JBS	Hancock Carriers, Inc
Peoples State Bank	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932
Kerns & Associates	ASL Solutions, Inc
Embarras River Tourism Council	Borgic Enterprises
Seed Solutions - Channel Seed – Chip Keys	Smithenry Concrete Construction
Farm Credit Services	Smithenry Trenching & Excavating
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Sainte Marie Foundation	JrO Concrete Construction
FS TLS/NAHC/EAHC & Hubbard Feed	Bruce E. Ochs Concrete Construction
PIC (Joe Walder)	Birkey's Farm Store – Newton
NAPA Auto Parts – Newton – Oblong – Robinson	Hi-Benders Tavern
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Illini Builders Co.	Meyer Funeral Home
Simple Rewards Day Spa & Salon	Wad It Up Transport & DJ Service
Randy Bergbower Painting	The Medicine Shoppe – Newton
The Equity	Thompson Home Repair – Jeff Thompson
John Kocher Trucking	Wolf Eye Care
BJ's Interior Decorating - Bonnie Jackson	

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Cork and Pork Set-Up And Take Down

Having a party is always great fun, but someone has to set it up and take it down. And **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help!! **Set-up is on Friday, July 13 at 5 p.m. Clean-up and take down is on Sunday starting at 10 a.m.** Please contact Donna Keller at 618-455-3452 if you could help with these critical tasks.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 14nd - 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. Best-ever pork sandwiches prepared by the **Jasper County Pork Producers and Hartrich Meats**. The Foundation House will be open for viewing from 1 – 5.

Sunday, July 15 - Barthelme Reunion, starting at noon. At St. Mary's Parish Center. Call Kay James, 812-756-6685.

Sunday, July 29 – Bluegrass in the Bend Ice Cream Social, 3 – 5 p.m. The Bend Community Club provides music, sandwiches and homemade ice cream.

Sunday, Sept. 2 – St. Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic, a long-time tradition in Ste. Marie. The **Foundation House and Museum** will be open for viewing from 1 – 5 p.m.

What Kind of Food Will be Served at Cork and Pork?



Da-Burger



Jasper County Pork Burgers



Porksicle



Pulled Pork Nachos



GREAT PORK AT THE CORK & PORK FESTIVAL JULY 14th!

Transitions

Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Moore, 87, of Robinson, IL. Survived by five children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She and her brother, **Jerry Schuch**, of Forest Park, IL, spent many happy childhood summer visits to Sainte Marie, as grandchildren of **Mon/Mattie Spitzer**. A nurse for 30 years at Crawford Memorial Hospital, Betty was also very interested in the Foundation and visited early on when we were just getting established. We send condolences to all the Spitzer clan.

Rose Marie (Radke) Buerster, 89, Newton, IL. Survived by 5 children, 2 sisters (**Joan and Evelyn**). Daughter of August and Helen Radke, longtime residents of SM.

Norman Copper, 89. Survived by 6 children, 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, sister Romanna Ochs. The Copper family used the House for a family gathering after the funeral. We are grateful for their generous donation.

Marilyn (Geiger) Rubsam, 85. Born in the Bend but lived in Newton after she married Frank Rubsam. Survived by 8 children, 20 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.

An Excerpt From 2014 – “Why We Do What We Do”

In the 2014 Summer Newsletter we wrote the following: *“Strong families know -- and teach the next generation -- their histories.” Why? Well, research (mainly from Emory University, 2013) has shown that children who know where their families came from and what they accomplished (or overcame) were more resilient and happy. They tended to do better when they faced challenges.” Those of us involved with the Foundation believe that it is worthwhile to know family history and to have a place to “come home to” when you want to visit Sainte Marie with your children, grandchildren, friends, etc. – and that’s the Foundation House. If you want your family to thrive for generations to come, tell them about your history, show them where you went to church and school, talk about the town/farm/area where you grew up or visited your grandparents. To stay at the House, call **Ron Kirts** 618-455-3153. Museum visits: call **Mike Hartrich** 618-783-8678. Support us by volunteering or making a donation. It all helps! Thank you.*

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At left:
Myah Woodard

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A Family Tradition at Girls State

The **Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary Post 932** announces that **Myah Woodard** (Pix: above left) has been selected to attend the 78th Illini Girls State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, June 17 - 23, 2018. Myah is the daughter of **Shannon Woodard and Julie Warfel** of Sainte Marie. She attends Newton Community High School and will be a senior this coming school year. Myah is a member of the NCHS marching band, math club, Spanish club and BETA club. After high school, she plans on attending a four-year university studying forensic psychology.

"I am honored to have been selected by the Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary to attend the 2018 Illini Girls State. I will be following in the footsteps of my mother and two older sisters, who also had the privilege of attending this conference," said Myah.

Our Next Exhibit – The Way We Were



At Left: Donna Keller sent in this 1968 photo from the Ste. Marie School.

Just a reminder that we are seeking school pictures for our next exhibit which will open in early 2019. If you have any to share, please contact Donna Keller at 618-455-3452.

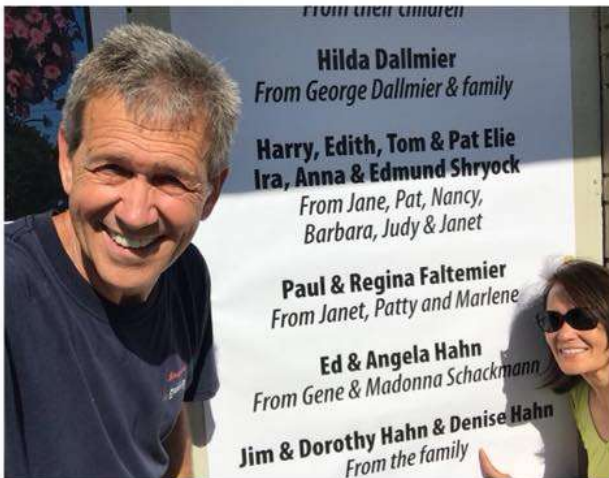
Co-curator Mike Hartrich 618-783-8678 reminds all that the schools involved include: Ste. Marie Twp. Schools: Raeftown, Pond Grove, Ste. Marie (2 of them - one "non Catholic" and one Catholic), South Bend Kraus, Newland and **Fox Township Schools** - Comptom, Boos, Ochs, Richard, West Liberty, Kessler.

Toys and games will also be featured. The current exhibit on businesses in Ste. Marie will end in November. The Museum will be closed for the winter months as volunteers work to set up the new exhibit. If you would like to volunteer to help with the exhibit set-up, contact either of the two co-curators listed above.

Bonus Pages for E-mail Subscribers

These pages are only sent to e-mail subscribers. If you have family or friends who receive the printed version, you might copy these pages for them. Or better yet, if they have e-mail, send us their e-mail addresses, and we will send it to them directly. Thank you for saving us the postage \$\$ it would cost to mail this to you.

Larry Hahn and Dolores Metzger Hang Flower Basket Signs



Thanks, Larry and Dolores, for your help in getting these banners up! And thanks to the Sainte Marie State Bank for allowing us to hang these signs on the old bank building at the village intersection.

CORK & PORK Festival

Sainte Marie, IL

Saturday July 14, 2018 at Picquet Park



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



Homestead
vineyards



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

1 Man Monster - Moneka Fullup - Quarter Annie

DELICIOUS PORK



Jasper
County
Pork
Producers



SOUVENIRS
T-SHIRTS
HUGGIES
WINE SIGNS
PIG NOSES
AND MORE...

MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND SPEND THE DAY

GREAT WINE - PORK - MUSIC - BEER

All profits go to local Community Organizations - \$59,400.00 given to date!

SAVE THIS PAGE for your trip to Sainte Marie on July 14th.

Don Alblinger Receives Award



Don Alblinger, president of the Sainte Marie State Bank, recently received this striking statuette from the Community Bankers Association of Illinois. The plaque on it notes that the association is honoring Don and “Celebrating 75 years in community banking.” Yes, Don started in the bank as a child!

Congratulations, Don, and thanks for maintaining the bank in our little village.

An Unlikely Find

*Editor’s note: Sometimes, when searching for something else, one comes upon a document that was never published (as far as we know) in our publications but that was stored in an historical file on the computer. Below is one I just found –with a note saying that John Michl (now deceased) gave it to Donna Keller in 2015. If anyone has information regarding Mrs. Crowley and how **she came to write this in 1898**, please let us know. She must have been from the Bend!*

MRS. CROWLEY VISITS AND WRITES OF THIS PICTURESQUE VILLA

St. Marie, in Jasper County, is one of the most unique little settlements in Southern Illinois. It looks like a choice bit of scenery transferred from a picture of Normandy with its mills, steeples, picturesque houses and lawns. It was founded by Picquets, Scheffersteins, Hartrichs and others from France long years ago.

The venerable Joseph Picquet and wife are among the living yet. Dr. Picquet, long since dead, is remembered as a very able physician and surgeon, educated in the mother country. Xavier Picquet, a lieutenant in the 32nd Illinois, passed away during the winter, leaving a wife and a house full of interesting and accomplished daughters.

Here these French aristocrats who came out into the wilderness with wealth, servants, nursery maids, etc., have battled with the hardships all pioneers endured to more or less extent, and conquered, becoming thoroughly imbued with our liberty-loving spirit.

They bought large tracts of land along the Embarrass river, built mills, established Catholic schools before public schools had invaded this wilderness, built a church, which has lately been replaced by a most imposing edifice, costing, perhaps, between forty and fifty thousand dollars in its uncompleted condition.

The church is brick with a stone foundation, built in the form of a maltese cross, 140 x 60 feet, with a height of 155 feet to the tip of the spire. It is all complete except the interior decoration. The frescoing so far is rich and beautiful. We understand that Joseph Picquet intends contributing some three thousand dollars from his private reserve towards its completion.

July 27th some sixteen hundred people gathered to celebrate the silver jubilee of Rev. Father Vernich. Reverend Vernich was born in Longersdorf, Rineland, France. He was ordained twenty-five years ago at Louvain, Belgium. He is a very zealous and popular Priest, and was presented with a purse of \$300 by admiring friends. The Priest house was kept "open" during the day and many were the calls and congratulations he received.

Services were held in the magnificent temple in a very impressive manner, as the following Priests assisting: Father Virnich celebrated mass; Barth Kuppenbenier, Nebraska, deacon of mass; H. Hanson, Peoria. sub-deacon of mass; F. Budde, Mt. Carmel; J.R. Schelnot, Olney; John Molitor, Newton; M. Rath, St. Wendel; H. Tapper, Covington, Ky., Richard Hoing, Indiana; P. Phillips, O.F.M. Teutopolis.

The St. Marie band rendered some excellent selections, and the splendid choir, aided by the deep toned pipe organ in the organ loft, made the mass one of the most imposing ceremonies ever witnessed by the people assembled.

After the mass priests were given a banquet, while the people adjourned to a beautiful grove where an eloquent repast was spread for whoever should wish to partake. The audience was regaled after dinner by music by the band, and an able and very tender address by Father Virnich. At night, a real Roman play was given in a very creditable manner.

Upon leaving St. Marie you come upon a most beautiful stretch of country. "Dark Bend" is a misnomer, the name implies a dark, swampy, jungle-like country; but the fact is it is one of the fertile tracts of land in Illinois, peopled by intelligent, prosperous farmers, living in commodious houses, surrounded by gardens, orchards, teeming fields and meadows--a sight refreshing to see.

NOTE (*Editor's note: from whom, we do not know*):

Not positive, but I believe Mrs. Crowley to be, Elizabeth, the wife of former Jasper county sheriff Samuel B. Crowley and a resident of Robinson at that time.

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