



# Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's summer season 2016

Volume 9, Issue 3

## Mark your calendars

**Saturday, July 23 – Cork and Pork Festival** at Picquet Park from Noon. – 11 p.m. Don't miss the second year of this successful event. Wine, beer, pork, and music. *See below for details.*

## Reunions Coming up

**July 3 - Faltemier Reunion, 11 am to 5 pm**  
St. Mary's Parish Center. **OPEN HOUSE** for SM residents from 3:30- 5:00 p.m. Contact: Janet Faltemier Sitkewich

## **- July 16-17 - Barthelme**

**Reunion.** Contact: **Jayne Sheridan Calvert** 618-553-283 At rt: : Margo & Jean Regas of Indpls. will attend the Barthelme reunion.



## **July 23 and 24 - Hartrich/Picquet Reunion**

Contact: Mike Hartrich 618-783-8678

**Saturday, Sept. 3, 1 p.m.** at St. Mary's. **Salve Regina: Two Centuries of Catholic Music in Sainte Marie.** FREE. See page 2 for more.

## Cork & Pork Festival

*By Donna Keller, Festival Chair & Foundation Board Member*

The Cork & Pork Festival to be held at Picquet Park in Sainte Marie on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> is fast approaching. Workers' lists have been finished; sponsors have been generous and things are falling into place.

Beginning at noon on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Cork & Pork Festival will feature wine tasting showcasing seven Illinois wineries. These wineries are: **Lasata Wines; Homestead Vineyards; Vahling Vineyards; Sleepy Creek Vineyards; Kite Hill Vineyards; Fox Creek Vineyards and Pheasant Hollow.** The cost is **\$10 per person and you will receive a wine glass for the tastings.** Please be respectful of the wineries and remember that it is only a tasting. When you find a wine you like, you may buy it by the glass, bottle or case from the wineries. That is why the wineries consent to come to the festival at no charge - with the hope that their sales will more than pay for the samples they are offering, such as their special license and insurance for the day and other expenses and that people will discover and love their wine for future sales. You must be 21 years of

age for the wine tastings and the beer garden, and you will be carded so please have proper ID.

Starting at noon (come hungry!), with the help of **Hartrich Meats** and the **Jasper County Pork Producers**, the Pork Food Stand will begin serving mouthwatering Pulled Pork with a variety of sauces to complement; America's Cut (loin) sandwich; 1/3 lb Pork Burger; 1/3 lb Pork Burger w/ bacon and cheese; DaBurger (1/3 lb Pork Burger with pulled pork, bacon and cheese) and Pulled Pork Nachos will be available as well. The Sainte Marie Night Home Extension Unit will be selling home baked items for dessert.

There will be live bands playing throughout the day with **Salt Rock Jones** starting at noon, followed by **Quarter Annie.** The **Naked Sissy's** will round out the evening. There will be a beer garden featuring both **Gray's Wholesale** and **Koerner Distributing** products; so your favorite beverage should be available.

The proceeds from the festival will go to support local organizations, which will be determined by the Cork & Pork Festival Committee. The organizing committee has already decided that some of the funds will go to the Jasper County Boys and Girls Park to help with their new concession stand and bathroom project.

The Cork and Pork Festival committee are grateful to the many sponsors that have contributed money to the event. The Cork & Pork Festival would not be possible without

these sponsors:



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We would also like to thank the following:

Randy Bergbower Painting (Ice)  
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John Geltz (Use of sound equipment)  
Casey's General Store (Napkins)  
Probst Seed (Use of coolers for beer)  
Kuhl's Trailer Sales (Use of box trailer)  
Urfer Transportation, Inc (Use of flatbed trailers for bands)  
St. Mary's Church (use of tents, tables, flagging, fencing, etc.)  
Dundas Ruitan (Use of picnic tables)  
Village of Sainte Marie (Use of Picquet Park)

And last but not least - THANK YOU to **the many volunteers** who are working the day of the festival and those helping with setup and cleanup! **See you at the Cork & Pork Festival!**

## Salve Regina: Two Centuries of Catholic Music in Sainte Marie

Saturday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.

St. Mary's of the Assumption Church

Coordinator: Terry Kirts (pix below)



Since the founding of Sainte Marie by devout French Catholics who chanted "Salve Regina" at the dedication of their colony, music has been an integral part of the spiritual and cultural life of Sainte Marie.

Fostered by strong connections with religious orders, dedicated school music teachers, and a host of devoted priests, nuns, music ministers, and talented parishioners, the music program at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish has for decades made quality music central to the church community. From benedictions at 40 Hours devotions to midnight Christmas services to weekday High Masses, music at

St. Mary's, whether Latin chants or favorite hymns to the Virgin Mary, has evolved as the greater church has. But the value of quality liturgical has never waned. Most long-time parishioners can chant "Tantum Ergo" from memory or hum a strain from "Immaculate Mary" without opening a hymnal.

**Join us for a program celebrating the history of Catholic music in Sainte Marie, from the earliest chants to favorite organ hymns to post-Vatican II songs sung with guitar and piano.** The program will explore the roots of Catholic music in Sainte Marie while celebrating those who have played, sung, directed, and coordinated music at St. Mary's in its long history. The program will also explore the musical traditions of associated religious orders including **the Sacred Heart fathers, the Sisters of Providence, and the Dominicans.** Attendees will be invited to join in the singing of favorite chants and hymns. **Musicians participating** include longtime accompanists **Terri Zuber** and **Jane Ochs**, St. Mary's first cantor and beloved guitarist **Judy Millsap**, and one of the newest musicians, **Miranda Ochs**, as well as guest appearances by a whole host of music ministers from the past.

If you have a favorite memory of church music in Sainte Marie, feel free to share it with program coordinator **Terry Kirts** at [tkirts@iupui.edu](mailto:tkirts@iupui.edu) or (317) 921-9416. Terry is a longtime cantor and choir members at St. Mary's who is now a cantor and soloist at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in downtown Indianapolis. His lyrics for the choral anthem "The Greater Gifts" were published in 2015 by Morningstar Music Publishers.

Past and present-day musicians to be honored:

### Organ/Piano

Sharon Reis Ade  
John Ablinger (deceased)  
Sarah Boehl  
Kathy Keller Coan  
Mary Lou Fehrenbacher  
Teresa Hoecherl  
Sr. Ruthanne Huss, OP  
Jim Litzelman  
Annette Reis Lynch  
Marilyn Ochs Maginn (deceased)  
Jane Ochs  
Miranda Ochs  
Patricia Reis  
Julie Thompson Warfel  
Karen Reis Young  
Terri Zuber  
Marcia Zumbahlen

### Guitar/Other Musician Leaders

Rose Gangloff  
Amanda Zuber Huber  
Vicki Ritz Keller  
Kate Kaufman  
Terri Kirts  
Tony Madlem  
Judy Helregel Millsap  
Lynda Zumbahlen Minor  
Susan Phillips O'Brien  
Norma Ochs  
Elaine Ochs Stock

### Catering at the Foundation House

Remember, **Hartrich Meats Catering** will provide meals for parties of six or more who meet or stay at the Foundation House. Call Janet at 618-455-3172 to order your meals.

### Reunions Coming Up –\_All at Parish Center (mostly) *2<sup>nd</sup> Faltemier Reunion*

**Sunday, July 3, from 11 am to 5 pm**

**OPEN HOUSE for SM residents from 3:30- 5:00**

**p.m.** Please come and enjoy homemade pie and ice cream with us.

**Contact: Janet Faltemier Sitkewich**

### **July 16-17 - Barthelme Reunion**

Contact: **Jayne Sheridan Calvert** 618-553-2832

### **July 23-24 - Picquet/Hartrich Reunion**

Contact: **Mike Hartrich** 618-783-8678

### We Get Mail

**From Mandy Zuber Huber: An update on our family**

*Last Dec., Steve and I welcomed the newest member of our family: our daughter, Bethany LiXiaoHe Huber, whom we adopted from China. She is fitting in very well and let's nothing get in her way--including Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone Disease) which she has. She just turned 3 in March and has already had 7 breaks in the long bones of her body resulting in surgical implantation of rods within both femurs, lower left tibia, and upper left humerus. She is one tough little cookie though. Our lives are now busier than ever with 5 kids and constant medical appointments for Bethany. Xrays show that the rod in her left femur is not growing with her bone as it should so more surgery is inevitable along with regular Pamidronate IV therapy treatments to help temporarily strengthen her bones. Thus, we have made the difficult decision to sell our home in Ste. Marie. We do plan on one day returning. However, when we purchased the home from Steve and Gina Fox in 2009, we never dreamed we'd have a daughter who required constant medical care. It is in the best interests of our whole family that we live closer to St. Louis--Shriners' Hospital to be specific--during Bethany's growing years. Add to all this that Steve will be deploying to Afghanistan for the 4th time this summer on another year-long mission, and the end result is our family ERODing home (military term for **early return of dependents**) to the O'Fallon/Scott AFB area this summer where we hope to stay for some time. Many trips to Ste. Marie are planned as we love our little home town!*

### Brick Donation

We thank Alan Huff for organizing the donation of a four-line patio brick in memory of the *Timothy & Josephine Huff Family* from Grandchildren: **Alan Huff, David Huff, Daniel Huff, Edward Rohr, Thomas Rohr, David Rohr, Sue Rohr Jansen, Ted Rohr, Diane Rohr Steele, Sharon Huff Early, Patricia Huff McPherson, Edward Huff, Janet Huff Rhoades.** Purchase of an engraved brick supports the Foundation, plus you have a permanent family memorial at the Foundation House.

### Transitions

**Thelma E. Hoetzer, 106**, passed peacefully on Friday, May 13, 2016 in Sarasota, FL. Born in Sainte Marie, IL, she was the daughter of the late **Emil and Mathilda “Matty” (Houser) Spitzer.**

### NEWS NOTES

**-Thanks to Father Allen Kemme**, who, after 10 years as pastor at St. Mary's and St. Thomas (Newton), will be moving to Springfield, IL to become the Pastor of Little Flower. **Father R. Dean Probst** will be the new Pastor for St. Mary's & St. Thomas.

**-Kenny Ochs**, son of **Gene Ochs**, recently purchased the Josh and Mandy (Geltz) Kuhl house – built by Paul and Rosemary Mullinax.

**-The Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932** is pleased to announce that they are sending **Adriana Reis and Madalyn Woodard** to the American Legion Auxiliary 76<sup>th</sup> Illini **Girls State** at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, June 19 - 25, 2016; Adriana lives in rural Ste. Marie with her parents; **David and Maria Reis.** She will be a senior at Newton Community High School this fall. Adriana's father David is a charter member of the Ste. Marie Sons of American Legion. Madalyn is the daughter of **Shannon Woodard and Julie Warfel.** She will be entering Newton Community High School as a senior this coming school year where she has been involved in the math club, tennis, and band.

*See more about these two outstanding young women, as well as pix, in our **BONUS PAGES**, available for those who get the e-mail newsletter. Contact [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com) to sign up for the **BONUS PAGES.***

**Booking the Foundation House? Call 618-455-3153**

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**Janet and Tony Hartrich** visit the Shell Chapel at St.-Mary-of-the-Woods on our sold out tour in late April. More in Bonus Pages.

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## **Our Next Exhibit: Past and Present SM Businesses Opens March, 2017**

We did not receive much of a response to our request for information about past and present businesses – a separate insert we included in the Spring newsletter. So we are trying again!

*In 2017, the Sainte Marie Foundation Museum will present an exhibit on **businesses in the Sainte Marie area**. As part of that exhibit, we are doing a booklet that will feature all present and past businesses. Please complete the following questions; we prefer that you e-mail them to [rakeller73@gmail.com](mailto:rakeller73@gmail.com), but if you want, just write answers and mail them to **Donna Keller, 2591 N. 1800<sup>th</sup> St., West Liberty, IL62475**. Again, please write as much as you like. We reserve the right to edit.*

***Those of you who once had a business (or if your ancestors did), please complete the questions and add stories of your own about the history of your family's business. Thank you for your help with this project. Also, if you have artifacts or objects you could loan us for the duration of the exhibit (one year), please call **Mike Hartrich 618-783-8678**.***

Here are the questions. *Please write as much as you wish. And please adapt the questions for your ancestor's businesses!*

**1. Date business was started. What is the nature of your business?**

**2. What prompted you to start your own business? Or did you inherit it? Or why did you buy this business?**

**3. Give us some history of the business? How many employees did you start with and when did you get to the current number of employees? How have you changed the business since you acquired it? Have your products/services changed and how?**

**4. What would you want people to know about your business? For example, if a group were to visit, what would you tell them that would make your business unforgettable to them?**

**5. Do you have a story you would like to share about your business? Your best (worst) day ever? Something you accomplished that surprised you?**

**6. Anything else you would like to share?**

**Please include your Name (and title, if you have one), the business and its address, your e-mail and phone. Also, include pictures, which will be returned to you. Or if possible, please scan them and e-mail them to Donna Keller at [rakeller73@gmail.com](mailto:rakeller73@gmail.com). Thank you for your help with what we hope will be a great 2017 exhibit.**



# 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.*

**Sainte Marie Foundation Newsletter, Summer 2016, *continued*.....**

## Summer nsltr notes



## Some late-breaking news:

Our good friend, **Ruthann Gowin**78, passed away on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be at **St. Mary's on Tuesday, July 5 at 11 a.m.** Visitation is from 9 – 11 a.m. at the church. Lunch to follow at the Parish Hall. *Editor's note: Ruthann will be missed. She often helped me with Foundation projects – coming over to my condo in Chicago from her west suburban condo. My condolences to her brother, Dean, and sister, Kathy Dillman, and their families.*

# CORK & PORK Festival

## Sainte Marie, IL



Saturday July 23rd at Picquet Park

Wine Tastings \$10 w/ ID - Starts at NOON - Includes a wine glass



GREAT LIVE BANDS STARTING AT NOON UNTIL 11:30 P.M.  
Salt Rock Jones - Quarter Annie - Naked Sissy's

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## **Ste. Marie Auxiliary Sponsors Two Girls to Illini Girls State**

By Donna Keller

The **Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary Unit 932** is pleased to announce that they are sending two girls to the American Legion Auxiliary 76<sup>th</sup> Illini Girls State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, June 19 - 25, 2016; **Adriana Reis and Madalyn Woodard**

Adriana Reis lives in rural Ste. Marie, Illinois with her parents; **David and Maria Reis** and will be a senior at Newton Community High School this fall. Adriana's father David is a charter member of the Ste. Marie Sons of American Legion.



Adriana is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, and has been active and involved in several activities in and out of school. She has been a varsity cheerleader all three years of her high school career, and she will continue to be one this fall. Adriana is a member of the Newton Community High School marching and concert bands. She also is a member of The Helpful Hands 4-H club, and she has been treasurer of the club for several years. Adriana has been active at the county 4-H level by being a junior and senior ambassador. In this role, she assists with the fair before, during, and after the event. Adriana is also on a 4-H Council, and she acts as a liaison between 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders. As part of her career in 4-H, her projects in leadership have been chosen to go to the State Fair competition, and Adriana's Sports Nutrition project was also chosen to go to the State Fair competition where she was awarded the state Award of Excellence.

The last three years, Adriana also has dedicated herself to community service, especially in the area of assisting those with cancer. She has donated blanket and bags for those in need during chemotherapy, and she raised funds through selling pink-out bracelets and then donating proceeds to the Jasper County Cancer Support Fund. Adriana plans to continue her education and go to college and major in early childhood. After school, she plans to work with preschool and early childhood students.

**Madalyn Woodard** is the daughter of **Shannon Woodard and Julie Warfel**. She will be entering



Newton Community High School as a senior this coming school year where she has been involved in the Math club, tennis, and band. Madalyn has had the privilege of being in the CEO program where she operated her own business, Maddie Shae Butter. Through her CEO experience, Madalyn has gained leadership skills as she is now president of the Spanish club and vice president of the National Honor Society. She plans to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Business Management as she approaches her college future.

Her activities inside and outside of school have allowed Madalyn to appreciate challenges where she must grow and learn. Madalyn looks forward to her week at Illini Girls State as her mother and older sister once did. Madalyn is excited for such a learning experience.

The American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State is a simulation patterned after the State of Illinois; it follows Illinois governmental procedure as closely as possible and as it should work. It is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship which attempts to teach and inculcate in our youth a love of America and a sense of individual obligation to community, state, and nation. It is a powerful, intense learning experience. Hundreds of girls from various communities throughout the State of Illinois

will attend American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State in June. They will learn the way a two-party system works. At IGS they have two fictitious political parties, the Nationalists and the Federalists. They will caucus, have Primary and General elections, and participate in a party Convention. They will elect city, county, and state officials. They will learn the duties of various public offices – their functions, limitations, and powers. They will have their own legislature where they introduce, debate and pass their own bills. They regulate their own cities, enforce their laws, and prepare county projects. Each girl has a chance to learn for herself that her government is just what she makes it. She learns the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities as a citizen of American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State that will help her fully participate as an American citizen.

Thank you Adriana and Madalyn for attending this week long session and the Auxiliary looks forward to you both speaking at one of our Auxiliary Unit 932 meetings about your experience at Illini Girls State.

### **An Example of a Business Report about ART'S TAVERN**

*The following submission from **Gloria Zuber Schwartz** will be included in the Business Booklet the Foundation is preparing for publication in early 2017. Will your ancestor's business be included? Or will your present business? See the questions on p. 4 of the newsletter for guidance.*

#### **History of Art's Tavern**

**Written by Gloria Schwartz with input from Tom, Kathy, and Bill Schwartz; Linda Litzelman, Bill Rohr, Jane Kuenstler.**

*We believe Art's Tavern business in Ste. Marie ran from the 1940's to approximately 1964.*

*Arthur Schwartz, proprietor of Art's Tavern, met **Rose Litzelman** at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Belleville, IL where Rose worked as a nurse. They eventually married and moved back to Newton where Art and his brother-in-law **Ted Litzelman** built the Night Hawk Nightclub, located at Boos, IL, on Route 130 close to the Ste. Marie Road, shortly after prohibition. They also served food. "It was booming in those days", states Bill Rohr, who was a kid at that time "and they had a fire in the kitchen" but Bill says there were also a lot of religious complaints from small nearby towns, and he thought that was why they finally closed down. It had a nice wooden floor that made a good dancing floor. Jane Rohr Kuenstler remembers watching Beulah and her sister dancing a lot.*

*After it closed Art opened a tavern in Ste. Marie located next door (East) of the Ed Barthelme Store. See picture included dated 1947. When the store burned, the tavern burned with it.*

*Art and Rose had moved to Ste. Marie and Art then went to work for three years in Evansville Indiana at an airplane factory commuting back and forth on weekends. He later worked for BB Brummer Wholesale in Newton until he built the building for his bar where the building still stands today.*

*Art's Tavern was a respected establishment, more like a lounge that families could go to since there were no restaurants in town. Art did not allow men to swear or tell off-colored jokes since women and young people came there. He also would not allow underage drinking. Teens would go there after their CYO meetings to have a soda and snack and sit around and talk. There was a pool table for them to play pool. It was a new building and kept very clean. Art's son Jim always talked about how on Sunday morning the family would go up and mop floors and clean the place thoroughly. In those days taverns were not allowed to be open on Sundays. He also had to sweep in the evening after he came home from school. As a consequence, Jim got to be an excellent pool player since he spent a lot of idle time in there after school and on Saturdays. Probably one of the main things discussed in the tavern was sports, especially Cardinal baseball. There were a few cubs fans (Hartrichs), but most in the Ste. Marie area were Cardinal fans. Albert "Snook" Hartrich and Jim ribbed each a lot about their opponent teams.*

*Some of Arletta "Mon" Spitzer's children and families from Indianapolis spent many a night visiting the tavern when they came to visit their Dad and Grandfather. I remember a young Pat Hartman, a pretty granddaughter,*



walking past the Schwartz house. They always seemed to have a fun time out in the back yard when visiting in the summer. We probably envied them.

Gloria Schwartz, Arthur's daughter-in-law, remembers one night after the CYO meeting a group of us teens were gathered in there and the guys were going to show us how to play pool. We were standing around watching and Jim went to draw his elbow back to make a shot. Gloria was standing behind him taking a drink from her coke bottle when Jim's elbow hit the bottom of her bottle. She felt something in her mouth and she wasn't sure if it was glass or a tooth. Unfortunately it was a tooth and she's had a filling there ever since. His Dad reprimanded Jim to be more careful and obviously that was the end of the pool game.

Tom Schwartz says he remembers the Heath Brothers, who ran the Heath Candy Factory in Robinson stopping by every Friday evening on their way to the Bend where they had a cabin. There was also a dentist and his wife from Oblong who came by once a week in the evenings. There were also older men who could be found playing cards during the day or a farmer stopping by for a quick drink. Tom still has a 5 cent token they gave away to get a free beer.

Arthur passed away in 1956 due to cancer but many people in the Ste. Marie area remember his wife Rose and her children, Jim, Tom, Kathy, John and Bill Schwartz. Along with Art, Tony Schwager was Art's main bartender. There were others who filled in but the two of them were the main people running it. Art served pork barbecue over lunch that his wife Rose made. After Art passed away his wife Rose leased the tavern to Tony Schwager until it closed around 1964. In 1965 it was turned into a Laundromat for several years. Once again in 1968 Tony's nephew Leroy Schwager opened a tavern business in the building. It ran for a year or two before closing permanently.

Sadly the brick building still stands empty across from the old Ablinger and Kirts garage where at one point someone attempted to paint it white but failed to finish the project. It seems sad to those who remember its pleasant history and fun times spent their many years ago.

If any of the older generation has any recall of more definite dates or memories, the family would love to hear from them.

### **And here's something about the HiBenders building**

According to Gloria Schwartz's research, the building housed a dress shop, owned by **Rose and May Spitzer**, who combined their names into Rosemary's. They started the business with financial help from their sister Josephine who was a nurse and lived and worked in St. Louis at the time. Their cousin **Mary Reis** also helped them pick out the clothes and what was in style to stock in their store. **Jane Rohr Kuenstler** remembers as a little girl going in the dress shop to try on hats. She thinks that's where her love for hats came from.

### **Tour to St.-Mary-of-the-Woods**

In late April, the Foundation took over 50 people to St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, IN, via tour bus, for a lovely brunch and a tour of the grounds. We visited the Shrine of Mother Theodore Guerin, the founder of the **Sisters of Providence**, and their magnificent church, chapel, and even the llama farm. It was a fascinating day, enjoyed by all. Thanks to **Mike Hartrich** who provided historical background and great stories (on the way) about the link between Sainte Marie and these French sisters who knew the Picquets.

**Picture of our tour below:**



**Our FULL bus on April 24<sup>th</sup> as we started off for Terre Haute.**



Visiting the llamas at the farm behind the college. The sisters have an ecology project that they maintain on the farm behind their main facilities.

## **IN CLOSING --**

**The Foundation hopes all of you have a wonderful summer. We ask that you not forget us when you are making donations to your favorite charities. We ALL have a wonderful “home” in Sainte Marie because many of you have given so generously during the past few years and helped us renovate the Foundation House. We still have one room to go --- and then the constant maintenance on an old house! We thank you for your past help and hope you will continue to support our efforts.**

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