



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's spring season 2018

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Mark Your Calendars!

April 7 - Roll N Smoke Food Truck in Sainte Marie at the American Legion & HiBenders. See p. 7.

Mid to late May – The beautiful **Flower Baskets** are hung on Main Street. Check the Bonus Pages for the list of sponsors – or just look for the new signs on the Old Bank building at the intersection. Thanks to all.

Saturday, May 26 . Ste. Marie Community Club Area-wide Garage Sales from 8-11 a.m. The Sainte Marie **Sons of the American Legion** will start serving Breakfast Burritos at 7 a.m. and will later be serving pork burgers and brats until around 1 p.m. The **Bend Community Club** has a bake and book sale with lemon shake-ups at 104 E. South St. - Sarah Boehl home.

July 14 – Cork and Pork at Picquet Park. Noon to 11 p.m. Seven wineries, beer garden, music, the **best ever** pork sandwiches prepared by the **Jasper County Pork Producers** and **Hartrich Meats**.

July 15 - Barthelme Family Reunion at St. Mary's Parish Center, noon. Call Kay James 812-768-6685.

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

Our Next Exhibit at the Museum

Foundation VP and co-curator **Mike Hartrich** requests pictures of one-room school buildings and/or class pictures (see pix above right) from schools in Ste. Marie and Fox townships. Please include year of the class picture and identification of the students, if possible. If not, our visitors often are pleased to identify faces.

Ste. Marie Twp. Schools - Raeftown, Pond Grove, Ste. Marie (2 of them - one "non Catholic" and one Catholic), South Bend Kraus, Newland.

Fox Township Schools - Comptom, Boos, Ochs, Richard, West Liberty, Kessler.

Call Mike at 618-783-8678 (also for museum tours).



Pix: This is a high school sophomore class in front of the Ste. Marie Public School in 1945. (where Parish Center is now).

Cork & Pork Festival

Saturday, July 14th, Noon to 11 p.m.

We're doing it again! Why change something that's so successful? See Bonus Pages too!

Here's the scoop:

WINE! A \$10 donation entitles you to limited samples of wine from 7 wineries until 7 p.m. Wine is also available by the glass, bottle or case from the wineries.

What's available besides the wine?

FOOD!! Pork Menu prepared by **Hartrich Meats** and the **Jasper County Pork Producers** – includes pulled pork, 1/3 lb. pork burgers, 1/3 lb. pork burgers with cheese and bacon, *The Porkicle* (America's Cut loin chop on a stick), pulled pork nachos and *DaBurger*. Available from noon until around 8:30 p.m.

-BEER GARDEN from noon until closing.

-LIVE MUSIC all day!! **Ed Rodimel's 1 Man Monster** opens at noon, followed by **Moneka Fullup** about 4, and **Quarter Annie & Friends** about 8.

Wineries attending are **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.

-Also offered: bottled water, souvenirs and photo opportunities with **Corky the Pig w/ the giant wine glass** and **A & J Welding's huge wine bottle**.

Could you volunteer?

If you would like to help out by working a 2-hour shift or to be one of the sponsors of the event, contact Donna Keller @ 618-455-3452 and leave a message.

Please note: This is a Foundation-led Project, which has given \$59,400 over the last three years to local causes and charitable organizations, not only in Sainte Marie but in all of Jasper County.

New Acquisition at Museum

The Foundation museum welcomes visitors to view some new additions to the current exhibit - *Taking Care of Business: Past and Present Sainte Marie Businesses*, which will be open for a few more months.

Of special interest will be a new donation to the museum: a small book of handwritten poetry, which caught the eye of a central-Illinois woman who was shopping in an antique store. Here's the story behind this acquisition, written by Foundation VP Gina Mullinax Fox.

A Poetry Book from Early Ste. Marie

by Gina Fox

*"Heap them in drifts about us
All that our arms can hold.
Bury our staggered senses deep
In their hearts of gold."*

The above poem was included in a small book of handwritten poetry that caught the eye of Tuscola resident **Cynthia Pringle** while she was browsing at the Buggy Wheel Antique Shop in Arthur, IL.

Written in flowery script on the inside cover of the booklet was "**Ste. Marie, Ill. June 1906, H. Huber**". Pringle posted a picture on Facebook hoping to find someone who knew of the owner of the beautiful handwriting. Answers came quickly when relatives identified the young writer as (H)Ellen Huber who was 18 years of age at the time she wrote the booklet. Cynthia was delighted to discover not only the writer of

the booklet, but that Ste. Marie had a museum at the Ste. Marie Foundation house. She very generously offered to gift the item to the museum.

Some Huber history

Growing up on a sand hill east of Ste. Marie, (H)Ellen was the third of seven children of Herman and Mary Josephine (Valbert) Huber. Her beloved grandfather, Joseph Petar Huber, was the first in his family to come to America. Joseph was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1823, landed in New York in 1848, traveled to Philadelphia and worked there for several years, learning the language and saving money. Moving westward to Ohio, he met and married Crescentia Rodering in 1855. They lived for a time in Franklin, IN, where they had four sons. The family of six moved again, landing in Ste. Marie around 1870. According to Mayme Huber Hartrich, his granddaughter, Joseph Huber was a devout Catholic and thought it prophetic that his young family happened upon the village of Ste. Marie on the eve of the Immaculate Conception, an important church holiday. Crescentia passed away seven years later.

Shortly thereafter, Joseph built the brick house that would serve as home for five generations. The two-story house was constructed from the property's great white oaks and hand-dug and kilned bricks made from the clay of the usually quiet Embarras River. The house that took three and a half years to construct was home to the five Huber men. After the youngest son, Herman, married in 1883, the house was soon filled with the sounds of young ones. Grandfather Joseph and Herman's brother, Joseph, continued to live on at the house until their deaths.

Family Life with the Hubers

Life was full of simple pleasures at the busy farm. With eleven people to feed, there was always something to do, whether it was cooking, laundry, farming, canning, or gardening. Memorizing and copying poetry in one's best handwriting was a very common practice in schools around the turn of the century. Playing the piano, singing, reading, and playing cards were favorite pastimes of the young girls from the sand ridge.

Ellen married George Schackman in 1910, starting their married life in the village of Ste. Marie. Sometime before 1920, they moved near Tuscola, IL, and purchased a farm. George and Helen did not have any children. George died in 1953, and Ellen died 21 years later in 1974.

Ellen's thoughts live on through this small poetry book, now on display at the Sainte Marie Foundation Museum.

Transitions

Dick Helregel, 86. Survived by wife, Kay; children Janice Zuber and Mark Helregel; 2 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 4 step-great-grandchildren. A son preceded him in death.

Lucille M. Dallmier, 92. Survived by 11 children, 48 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Husband Lorraine died in 2012.

Loren A. Gallion, Sr., 96, and Mamie L. Gallion, 92. Survived by a son and a daughter as well as numerous

grandchildren. Loren passed first and Mamie several weeks later.

Harold Edward Kocher, 84. Harold and his wife Clara donated a very valuable pix to the Foundation in recent years. -- Fr. Vernich and the original St. Mary's Church in a very ornate frame. We thank them (Clara survives) and their family for the donation of this picture to our collection.

To Book the Foundation House

Call Ron or Carolyn Kirts 618-455-3153.

Recipe Remembrances

For this month's newsletter, we're happy to welcome Donna Keller as a guest contributor, writing about her mother-in-law Alice Cunningham Keller. Terry Kirts had suggested Alice, based upon a vintage photograph from the early 1970s in the Newton Press-Mentor, and Donna was happy to write the column. Many thanks to Donna for the fond remembrances (next page) and these very useful recipes!

(Editor's note: Terry Kirts, Sainte Marie native and Indianapolis food write, accepts recipe suggestions. Write him at tkirts@iupui.edu).

Correction From Last Newsletter: In the recipe for Christine Alblinger's Yeast Thumbprint Cookies from our last newsletter, the amount of butter was incorrect. The correct amount should have been 3 sticks of butter or 24 tablespoons. Julia Child would approve.



Pix at left: Alice Keller, a longtime member of the Jasper County Home Extension, won a prize in the 1970's for her pecan pie and was featured in the Newton Press for her winning entry.

Alice Keller's Never-Fail Pie Crust

Enough for 2 – two-crust pies and a pie shell

Ingredients

1¾ cups of lard (this is THE secret ingredient)
5 cups all-purpose flour
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 egg yolks
1 tablespoon vinegar
Water, as needed

Cut lard into dry ingredients with a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Mix egg yolks in a 1-cup measuring cup and beat slightly, add the vinegar and enough cool water to make 1 cup of liquid. Add mixture gradually to the dry ingredients tossing with a fork to dampen evenly. Press dough into a ball. Use as you wish. A portion may be refrigerated for use later in the week.

Alice Keller's Pecan Pie

Ingredients

1 cup of brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon flour
2 eggs

2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon real vanilla
1 stick real butter, melted
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine sugars and flours in a small bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients, reserving a few whole pecans for the top if desired. Pour into unbaked pie crust. Cover the edges of crust with aluminum foil to keep from darkening. Bake 40-50 minutes or until set.

(More about Alice on next page.....)

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Judy Millsap & brother Bob Helregel

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Alice's background

By Donna Keller, her daughter-in-law

Alice Cunningham Keller was born on May 12, 1929 and grew up in the "Pond Grove" area south of Sainte Marie; the daughter of farmer and township supervisor, Ralph Cunningham and Mary (Zuber) Cunningham. On October 4, 1950, Alice married Arthur Keller, youngest of the James and Louise (Huber) Keller family. Alice and Art raised 7 children, Bob, Dan, Bev, Kathy, Mike, Mary Lou and Steve.

Like most farm wives of her era, Alice Keller was frugal. She had a big vegetable garden that would produce early fresh delights such as peas, butter crunch and oak leaf lettuce, radishes, cabbage, carrots, spinach, baby lima beans, sweet corn and asparagus. She "canned" green beans, bread & butter pickles and lime pickles, pickled beets, whole tomatoes, tomato juice, black raspberry jelly and more. And of course, there would be a whole day or two of "putting up" corn for the freezer. In the fall there would be turnips, winter radishes along with a later planting of lettuce, green beans and Illini Extra Sweet corn.

And all the garden seeds came from the **Alblinger & Kirts Hardware** in Sainte Marie.

Alice also made a lot of her and her daughters' clothes; she crocheted and later in life made many beautiful quilts that she shared with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Most of the time, Alice didn't use a recipe. She just put together mouthwatering homemade meals like baked old hen for Sunday dinners with homemade noodles or dumplings; beef roast that would melt in your mouth with potatoes, carrots and gravy or fresh fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. Alice could whip up a meal for nine and there was always extra for anyone who

might be there when it was time to eat. For me, an only child and one of those extras at the dinner table on Sundays from 1969 to 1973 while Bob and I were still dating, I was amazed she could cook for an army and make it look so easy.

Alice had a sweet tooth, and even though she was always "dieting", she loved to make dessert for her family and could be seen sneaking a little sliver of pie, etc. when she thought no one was looking. She always made sure to make everyone's favorite for their birthdays...her favorite was angel food cake.

The recipes on the previous page are two of Alice's recipes that I have used for 45 years this June 16th. I'm happy to be able to share those with you. The pie crust recipe has exact measurements and always turns out perfect, and the pecan pie made me like pecan pie, which I never did before tasting Alice's. *(From Donna Keller)*

We Get Mail

From **Michelle Helregel Vogt** - *The Foundation House was the perfect location for Dad's (Bob Helregel-see pic above left) family birthday party. Ron and Carolyn Kirts were so helpful and accommodating. Our thanks to the Board.*

From **Glenn Picquet, TX** - *Another fine newsletter (winter) about my favorite "other" small town. Happy New Year and warm wishes!*

From **Joyce (Keller) Decker, FL** - *Absolutely wonderful winter newsletter. Read all 10 pages!. I'm happy to know that someone is refurbishing the Florence Kocher house on Main St. Always loved that house.*

Visitors to the Foundation House often use Hartrich Meats for their catering needs. Call 618-455-3172 .

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.

Transitions

We were sorry to hear of the death of **Maureen Mullinax, 56, OH** (too late for the printed newsletter). Survived by husband Greg Howard, Maureen was the daughter of **Rosemary and Paul Mullinax**, longtime Sainte Marie historians and volunteers whose tree plantings and other contributions made a significant impact on the village. Her sister **Gina Fox** is a VP on the Foundation Board.

We Get Mail

Chris Zwilling, Champaign, IL, contacted us because he saw the Foundation website (www.saintemariefoundation.org) on the internet. The son of **Ron and Nancy Wagner Zwilling**, he's doing some interesting work at the U of I Champaign. He's another of those former Ste. Marie-area residents who make us all so proud! Here's what he wrote when I asked him what he was doing at the U of I:

Right now I am a postdoc at the Beckman Institute. I completed my PhD in Quantitative Psychology and Statistics at U of I in 2016. I work in a psychology/neuroscience lab that studies how people can improve memory, decision-making and intelligence through lifestyle factors--like exercise and nutrition. It's pretty neat. One of the studies we recently completed involved diets of healthy older adults (65-75) to see how the food people ate affected their cognitive ability.

Healthy aging is an important area of research, and I am sure will continue to be. While we have not yet studied it in our lab, one factor that keeps popping up in the research literature is the value of one's social network as they age (but, of course, at any age it is important!). Time and time again, to the extent that a person has a strong social circle, it can trump a lot of other factors that might otherwise be problematic.

Keep up the good work, Chris!

Here's another note from one of our favorite people. I had asked **Mandy Huber, daughter of Sam and Linda Zuber**, for an update, as this is a young family that has moved around a great deal, because husband **Steve** is a career officer in the Army. Their last note several years ago was from Hawaii, where they lived for a number of years – looking out at the Pearl Harbor site!

From Amanda Zuber Huber

*An update on the Hubers: We moved to O'Fallon, IL, in June 2016. Three short weeks later, Steve left for his 4th year-long deployment in Afghanistan. This was perhaps the most difficult one yet, given the death of my brother and my nephew, a flare in my Crohns/colitis, and several bone breaks for little Bethany, (editor's note: the physically-handicapped daughter they adopted while in Hawaii) including a femur break that required a re-rodning surgery. But God saw us through with the help of family and friends. It is such a blessing to be so much closer to family (including my Aunt **Gloria Schwartz** down the road in Belleville).*

Steve returned at the end of July, 2017, and is now stationed with Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base where he is an Army exchange officer in the air refueling section. He will very likely retire from the Army here. We do know we are NOT moving our family anymore! We are

closer to family, have great healthcare for our special needs in nearby St. Louis, and we are loving the community here.

We welcomed **Isaac Christopher** into the family August 31, 2017. He was diagnosed in-utero with hydrocephalus and spent the first 4 days of his life in the NICU to run tests and find out the severity of it. Thankfully, it is very mild and as if writing does not require surgery. However, we keep a very close eye on his development and health. So—in case you lost count—that brings us to six kids. And yes...we know what causes that...deployments (according to Steve).

Congratulations on another great issue of the Newsletter. I thoroughly enjoy paging through it when it arrives. I was particularly impressed with the large number of donors for the past year. Obviously you and the Board are doing a fantastic job, and the people are responding.

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



I Man Monster will start at Noon



Moneka Fullop will start about 4:00 pm





Quarter Annie & Friends will start about 8:00 pm

Roll N Smoke Food Trailer In Ste. Marie Saturday April 7th - 5 - 9 pm

Delicious food by Matt Martin owner of Roll N Smoke. You can take the food into the Sainte Marie American Legion Post 932 or Hi Benders to eat and enjoy your favorite cold beverage. The Legion will open early at 5pm for the after church crowd from St. Mary's. There will also be Karaoke with Larry Goss starting at 8 pm. We had a fantastic crowd the last time we did this let's do it again!

Newton Athletic Boosters Queen of Hearts Raffle

are kicking off a new drawing. The pot will start at \$5000! The Newton Athletic Boosters will be selling tickets starting at 5:30 pm at  at the Legion and Hi Benders and the drawing will be  at 9:30 pm. and you can be at either Legion or Hi Benders for the drawing

Ste. Marie is the place to be on Sat. April 7th, 5pm - ?



Matt Martin, Owner

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Bob Helregel’s Birthday Party at the Foundation House



Bob Helregel celebrated a special birthday recently, and here is his family on the front steps of the Foundation House where they held his party. *Congratulations to a terrific guy who is one of our volunteer lawnmowers and always ready to help when we have a special project!*

**Front row, l to r: Stacey (Helregel) Nettleton, Ellee Bare, Bob Helregel, Brian Helregel.
Middle row, l to r: Carly Nettleton, Holly Nettleton, Michele (Helregel) Vogt, Ed Vogt.
Back row, l to r: Kyle Nettleton, Chuck Nettleton, Macy Vogt, Brock Vogt.**

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



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To all Foundation readers,

Guess I am running out of steam. Here is an empty page, and I can't think of anything to write! Hope you are all well and have a wonderful Easter. Hope to see you at the Cork and Pork this summer and/or at the St. Mary's Church Picnic the Sunday before Labor Day. Stay well and live each day as if it were your last.

*Pat Reis, president
Sainte Marie Foundation*

*p.s. I will be in Sainte Marie from April 2 – 8. Stop by if you can help with some clean-up, landscaping and repair projects at the Foundation House. Or just stop in to say hello. **The April Open House will be on Sunday, April 8 from 1 – 3 p.m.***

Fr. Kurt Hartrich, O.F.M



After almost every newsletter is sent out, we receive a nice e-mail from **Fr. Kurt Hartrich**, O.F.M., pastor of St. Peter's Church in the Chicago Loop, who receives our e-mail newsletter and is thoughtful about complimenting what is going on in Sainte Marie. I thought you might like to see the picture of this engaging son of a-Ste. Marie-guy-who-moved-to-Indpls. And that's me visiting him one Sunday morning a few years ago.