

# Michigamme Historical Society Letter

The Michigamme Museum was created to preserve our community's past and present history. Thanks to the efforts of a determined group of volunteers under the leadership of Supervisor John Olson and Don Moore. These people wanted to safeguard memories of the people and buildings that have made this community special for more than a century.

The Museum has exhibits and displays of logging, mining, military exhibits with hometown heroes, Fire Dept memorabilia, law enforcement, school memories, sports legends, fishing and hunting on Lake Michigamme, Dr. Sicotte, and Dr. Van Riper displays. Anatomy of a Murder displays with exclusive life-size figures of James Stewart, Lee Remick, and John D. Voelker. You can view original writings, photographs, and memorabilia in the site locations of the filming in Michigamme of the 1959 movie.

Museum member Renee Saari has taken 1100 photos of monuments and markers in the cemetery and posted the information online for relatives to locate family history.

The Museum has an exhibit devoted to telling the Ford story in the community. You can view original photographs, memorabilia, and furniture used by the Henry Ford family during his vacation in the Michigamme Area. The Museum has such a unique FORD display that the Superior Model A Club and the Chippewa Valley Model A Club have it on their websites to visit.

Ruth Smith wrote a book on the mines/mining in the Michigamme Spurr Area- it is for sale at the Museum. Over 100 books have been sold with proceeds benefiting the Museum. Senator Debbie Stabenow scheduled time on her visit to Houghton this summer to stop in. The Museum averages six to eight hundred visitors a summer. Many people take special time to visit the 1900 STEAMER and the Log Cabin.

The Museum received the 1998 Progress Award by the Ishpeming Negaunee Diplomats. A 2002 Progress Award from the Marquette County Ambassadors and a 2008 Peter White Memorial Award to the Michigamme Steam Team for the preservation and enhancement of history in Marquette County by the Marquette County History Museum.

The Museum's annual calendar 2014 year was dedicated to John Olson. Pictures and favorite memories of our past leader. The Museum will celebrate twenty years in 2015, and Don Moore and Carla Skytta are reviewing a collection of past pictures/events for the 2015 Calendar.

The Museum is open Memorial Day through September 30th - seven days a week from noon to 5 PM or later.