

FRIENDS OF THE

# Musketawa Trail

NEWSLETTER



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21 Years of trail work and still counting



*"Ed's interest in Rails-to-Trails started when his grandchildren were toddlers. He thought of their safety in bicycling and wanted a safe place where they could ride their bicycles as they were growing up. His grandsons lived in the Ravenna area, and what became the Musketawa Trail was a perfect setting for them. Granddaughter lives in Traverse City and rode her bike on sidewalks. Ed worked 51 years with children in the schools as a psychologist., always had the safety of children at heart."*

**(Diana Holovka, wife & current board treasurer)**



*"Ed may not have been the first to be involved with the trail but the hours of projects, DNR prodding, newsletters etc. spearheaded by Ed over the years is a primary reason that the Musketawa Trail is where it is today." "My implication was that Ed was the "father" of the Friends of the Musketawa Trail"*

**(Mark Fritsma, current board member)**

*"Ed was one of the first to see the value that the Musketawa Trail would bring to the communities it connected. What made him remarkable was that he was also willing to do the work required to build and promote our trail. Since that first work day on the trail, Ed has lead other volunteers who shared his vision. The Friends of the Musketawa Trail continues to be a strong advocate for our favorite trail and for all trails. Ed will also be remembered as the one who brought us together to create something new in our communities that will outlast us all."*

**(Gary DeKock, current board vice-president)**



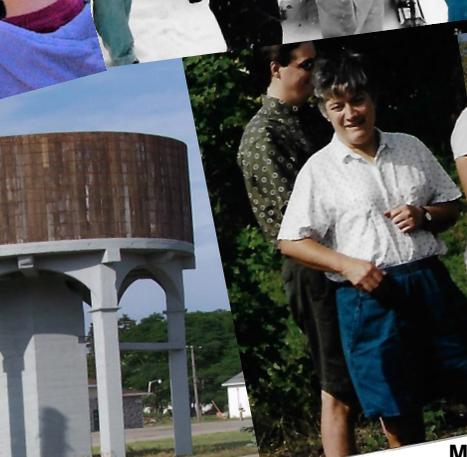
*"In my short 5 years with the Friends of the Musketawa Trail, I have come to appreciate Ed's "Get it done!" attitude and his ability to recognize people's gifts and skills. Ed is an organized and talented leader who is very willing to share his wisdom, experience and stories."*

**(Tim Nink, current board president)**

*"In December, we received a donation of \$53 from Kevin Magin, a participant on the 2014 Gold Spike II ride. The designation was \$3 for membership and \$50 in honor of Ed."*

**(Diana Holovka, current board treasurer)**





Memories of just a few of the many projects and volunteers that helped you make the Musketawa Trail what it is today. Lots of hard work, fun, satisfaction, and pride of the accomplishment.