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Castle Museum Commemorates 100th Anniversary of WWI

SAGINAW, Mich. – On June 22, 1918, the *Saginaw Daily News* noted the steamer Lake Pachuta, a ship produced by the Saginaw Shipbuilding Company, ushered in a new era in the city's industries, marking the advent of another way that Saginaw is assisting to the win the war.

On the Home Front, the Castle Museum's latest exhibit, focuses on the impact of the "Great War" – World War I, and the significant contributions of Saginaw County residents and businesses.

"Saginaw supplied products that were critical to the war effort," Vice President and Chief Historian Tom Trombley said. "While some of the industries that prospered during the war did not survive the transition into peacetime, the plants and infrastructure that were developed became important assets."

In particular, the Saginaw Shipbuilding Company located in Carrollton Township and the Frankenmuth Woolen Mill Company both fulfilled government contracts to produce materials for the war.

"November 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I," said Trombley. "And this exhibit offers visitors a window into Saginaw County's contribution and the impact of the war on the community."

On the Home Front features photographs, newspaper clippings, an American Red Cross bed, Marine uniform and many more Saginaw County artifacts. The exhibit is open now through January 20, 2019.

For more information about this exhibit, please call 989-752-2861 or visit www.castlemuseum.org.

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The Historical Society of Saginaw County is committed to serving the community by telling the continuing story of the people of the Saginaw region through exploration, preservation and presentation of their historical and cultural heritage.