

NEWS RELEASE REGARDING THE MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE MEETING, 10 A.M. MAY 21, 2026

Generous donation to bring AED to Caseville Historical Museum

The Historical Society of Caseville is bringing a life-saving device to its museum with a generous monetary donation from a member.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, members of the historical society voted unanimously to sign a contract with Cintas Corporation to acquire an Automated External Defibrillator for use in case of a medical emergency for members or visitors at the museum.

Member John Champagne donated \$5,000 to the historical society in 2025. Since then, members have discussed ways the donation could be used to benefit all. An AED had been on the society's wish list for years, but no funding was available. Trustee Cathy Snider suggested using the Champagne donation to secure the device and train members to use it.

"We have visitors and members at the museum on an ongoing basis," said Dave Vizard, historical society president. "On Saturday for example, during the Ice Cream Social, we had nearly 200 people here. Heaven forbid that we'd have a cardiac event, but you just never know. In the event of an emergency, we would have the AED available to help."

Member Champagne was delighted to learn that his donation would be used in this way. "I think it's a wonderful idea. No doubt about it, a life-saving device could be needed some time. When you open your doors and invite the community inside, you never know what might occur."

For \$135 per month, Cintas will provide a new AED unit, monthly inspections, free battery and pad replacement, an alarmed cabinet, signage and online monitoring, monthly inspections, and access to a free spare unit if the AED is ever used. Scheurer Hospital will be contracted to provide basic life-saving training and use of the AED to members when the device is acquired.

During the meeting, members also heard a report from the Scholarship Committee that seven seniors from Caseville Public School applied for the historical society's \$500 scholarship. Committee Chair Ray Quiel reported Payton McIlhargie was

named the winner from a very strong field. Congrats to Payton! The \$500 scholarship came entirely from member donations.

The historical society's next event is the Ladies Luncheon, scheduled for June 11, 2026. Secretary Carole Shereda is assisting Trustee Sherry Hoelzle with the popular event, which routinely sells out each year. Member Suzanne Hayes, an artist, has donated 12 paintings as door prizes for the luncheon. Sign-up sheets were passed at the meeting for members to bring desserts or salads.

Other notable notes:

- Trustee Rich Bass gave members a review of the Huron County Historical Society quarterly meeting in Harbor Beach at the Grice House. Vice President Quiel gave members a review of the Huron County Tri-County workshop in Gagetown.
- Report from the Membership Committee revealed that we have three new members. Gale Brown, Jonathon Bibby, and Brandon Bishop. Welcome Gale, Jonathon, and Brandon! We have a total membership of 120, with 61 being lifetime members.
- Barb Eimers is available each month on the first Thursday from 1–3 pm to assist family or property research. We are fortunate to have her help available.

Next meeting: **Thursday, June 18, 2026, 10 a.m.** All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.