

News Release regarding the regular monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Caseville on June 18, 2026

New Dolly Parton exhibit set for Caseville Historical Society

The Historical Society of Caseville will once again turn into a Dolly Parton shrine during the city's Denim & Diamonds weekend in July.

Brandon Dean, of Cottage Outfitter in Caseville and a collector of Parton memorabilia, attended the society's regular monthly meeting at the museum on June 18 and declared he had plenty more to share. He told members he would fill the museum with all-things Dolly on July 24-25 without repeating the collectibles he brought last year.

Members also heard reports on three successful events held at the museum since the last regular meeting: the Ice Cream Social, Ladies' Luncheon, and Caseville on the Rocks/Tipsy Trail. During the Ice Cream Social, Dale and Sue Melson were awarded the Bob & Mary K. Quinn Memorial Award for outstanding service to the historical society. Thank you, Dale & Sue for all you do!

Trustee Cathy Snider updated members during the meeting about the new life-saving AED device installed at the museum. She also previewed CPR and AED training, which was conducted by Scheurer Hospital, on Wednesday. Ten historical society members attended and successfully completed the three-hour training session.

Members also received an update on plans for the Cheeseburger in Caseville Festival, coming up August 14-23. Cathy Snider reported that 500 Key Lime Pie Bars have been ordered from Key West to be sold at the museum during the festival. She also called for donations of festival beads from members of the public to the museum to be handed out to visitors during the festival. A call also was issued for items for the popular "What is It?" contest during the festival.

Since the society's last meeting, 58 visitors, excluding those who visited during events, came to the museum. The Great Lakes Vintage Auto tour, which donated \$200 to the society, brought 42 visitors and a slew of beautiful vehicles to the museum.

Others who donated to the society since our last meeting were Barb Eimers, Judy McWhirter, Alexis Iveson, Carol Heilmaan, and the Harold and Dorothy Leach family. Derick Haller donated \$50 toward new fire extinguishers at the museum. In memory of George Moss Stewart, who passed away in Caseville in 1894, \$1,000.00 was donated to the museum by family members.

Other **Notable Notes** from the meeting:

- **The Don's Resort & Boat Livery** display is finished and available for viewing.
- **Report from Scholarship Committee:** The \$500 scholarship check will be issued to tour 2026 recipient, Peyton McIlhargie, in the fall once enrolled in college. It was suggested that a second scholarship should be considered, possibly for trade school. More discussion to come.
- **Report from Membership Committee:** New Gold members: Cathy Snider and Matt Filipovitch Welcome! Our memberships run on the calendar year, dues notices were mailed. We have a total membership of 120, with 63 of those being lifetime members. Duane Wurst of Pigeon attended the meeting as a guest, but signed up as a new member before he left. Welcome Duane.

- **Report on Fire Extinguishers:** Update by Trustee Rich Bass. It was mentioned that Hunter Seley in Elkton provides and services fire extinguishers, but we do not yet know the fee. More to come on this.
- **Bierlein-Moore Shoreline** of Sebewaing has donated \$500 for the car show in September.

The historical society's next meeting is at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026, All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.