

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2023. at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 14 members present.

President Janet Ekel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all in attendance. Ekel called for the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report to be reviewed. Both were reviewed, discussed, approved and placed in the record. As part of the Treasurer's Report, Members were reminded their 2023 dues are now due and payable at the Museum office or by mail.

President Ekel said the Museum would be operating during "Winter Hours" until the end of March. Throughout this time, the Museum will be opened Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4:30. Ekel circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the Museum on those dates. Ekel said the Shanty Days Game-O-Rama would be held at the Museum on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from noon till 3:00 p.m. She asked for volunteers to work at that event and to bring refreshments in to have available for visitors. Ekel noted the grant money from the Michigan History Alliance has been received and will be used to purchase a new copier for the Museum Office. The new Museum exhibit of the historical Caseville School is underway. Work on this project will continue during the winter with a goal of having it ready by Memorial Weekend. It was noted that the March/April 2023 edition of the Historical Society of Michigan's, Michigan History Magazine has a one-page article highlighting Caseville's Harbor. Titled "Then and Now," the article includes two pictures, one of Caseville's Saginaw Bay Fish Co. from the early 1900's and a current picture of taken of the same location along with a good writeup. Joyce Miller was instrumental in working with the State Historical Society to get the information and photos together. President Ekel suggested a "Craft Project" for March as a way to get people together. Several ideas were mentioned and this possibility will be pursued.

In support of the Events Committee, the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. Events planned are: Shanty Days on February 18, the Ice Cream Social on May 28, the Ladies Luncheon on June 14, The Cheeseburger Museum August 11 through 20, the Classic Car and Tractor Show on September 16, All Museum Weekend on September 23 and 24, the Witches' Walk: Nightmare on Prospect Street on October 28th, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 5th.

During the winter months, many Historical Society members will be out of town. The group's Technology Representative, Cathy Snider, will make Zoom attendance at monthly meetings available for those who are out of town but want to keep up with Museum activities. If you will

be out of town and want to attend a meeting via Zoom, you should contact the Museum Office at (989) 856-9090 prior to the meeting to have a link set up for remote attendance.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Harold Hoelzle said the Museum had 5 visitors over the past month. There were no items donated over the past month.

Barb Eimers is available throughout the winter months by appointment only to aid interested persons in researching family histories. Anyone who would like to make an appointment with Eimers may contact the Museum Office at (989) 856-9090 during regular hours.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a great way to interact with other members of the community interested in preserving Caseville's rich, colorful past and to gain an understanding of the events and situations that played an important role in forming the Caseville Area as we know it today.