

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE MARCH 16, 2023 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023. at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 18 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 after the meeting in April. At that time, Museum hours will return to Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00 pm. Ekel circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the Museum on the days it is open for business. Ekel thanked those volunteers who have worked at the Museum over the past month. She also offered a big "Thank-You" to the City of Caseville for helping to keep the Museum parking areas clear of snow. 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. Several Historical Society Members are planning to meet in Bad Axe on April 12th to look at, and possibly buy the new copier. Ekel noted that the Huron Tribune had a nice article regarding the Museum on the front page of their last edition. Rich Bass participated in a "telephone interview" that resulted in the article written by Tribune reporter Dominique Sevilla. 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. Anyone in the community with artifacts relevant to Caseville Schools in the early 1900's who would like to include their items in the display, may bring the item up to the Museum during regular Museum hours. The Historical Society of Michigan's "Big Easy" Tour has been completed and the representatives from the Caseville group who attended said it was great fun and a learning experience. Harold Hoelzle presented a slide show highlighting the activities enjoyed by tour participants.

In support of the Events Committee, the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. Events planned are: 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.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Harold Hoelzle said the Museum had 8 visitors over the past month. There were no items donated over the past month. Harold

Hoelzle asked for a volunteer to help with, and possibly take over, the work of the Scholarship Committee. Member Ray Quiel volunteered to help out with the Scholarship Committee. Thank-you Ray.

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, April 20, 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.