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

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023. 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 presented. Both were presented, discussed, approved by the group and placed in the record.

President Ekel thanked all the volunteers for their help keeping the Museum open to the public. The Museum is currently open Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 4:30 pm. Winter hours will start December 1, 2023 and last until April 1, 2024. During Winter Hours, the Museum will be open Friday and Saturday from noon to 4:30 pm. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting volunteers to indicate when they would be available to volunteer. "It is important to have someone at the Museum to greet guests and guide them through their visit," Ekel said.

Ekel said the Huron County Historical Society is still looking for a representative to serve on a county-wide genealogy group. The Huron County Historical Society's Christmas Gathering will be held on December 2, at the Huron County Senior Center in Bad Axe. Tickets are available at a cost of \$15.00 each. Ekel said the Caseville Food Pantry is collecting food items. Historical Society Members may bring their donations in to the Museum where they will be combined with donations from other members and delivered to the Food Pantry. It was reported that peanut butter and jelly are very popular donated food items. Ekel said there will be a "cookie exchange" for those interested following the December Meeting. Please package cookies in clear, plastic bags so they don't have to be handled to distribute them.

Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mary Taylor notes one new member, Molly Dando.

Reporting for the Events Committee, Cathy Snider suggested dates for events planned for 2024. They are: Shanty Days Game-O-Rama on February 17, Ice Cream Social on May 26, Ladies' Luncheon on June 12, Cheeseburger Museum August 10 through 18, Classic Car and Tractor Show September 21, All Museum Weekend September 28 and 29, Witches Walk/Nightmare on Prospect October 26, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 10.

President Ekel reminded attendees that Barb Eimers is available at the Museum the first Thursday of each month to assist persons researching family histories. Eimers has research materials available to help with these investigations. This is a great service available to local residents free of charge.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 21, starting at 10:00 am. Following the meeting, a cookie exchange will take place. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meeting attendance is a great way to show your support for those working to preserve 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.