

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE DECEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023. There were 17 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. Ekel said that as of December 1, 2023, the Museum had switched to winter hours. During Winter Hours, the Museum will be open Friday and Saturday from noon to 4:30 pm. Winter hours will run through the end of March. 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.

The Huron County Historical Society's Christmas Gathering was held on December 2, at the Huron County Senior Center in Bad Axe. Janet Ekel and Sherry Hoelzle attended. The program was about the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse. Ekel said the collected food items were delivered to the Caseville Food Pantry on December 9th. "Items received after that date will be delivered following today's meeting," she added. Ekel said there will be a "cookie exchange" for those interested following the today's Meeting. Ekel said the new Michigan Travel Guides are available from the Historical Society of Michigan. She suggested purchasing six copies to have on hand for sale at the Museum. It was voted on and approved by the group to purchase six copies.

Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mary Taylor notes one new member, Angela Miller.

Reporting for the Events Committee, Cathy Snider reviewed the dates for events planned during 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 9 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 will be available for genealogy help by appointment only during the winter months. Appointments may be made by calling the Museum. 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, January 18, starting at 10:00 am. 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.