

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2024 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024. There were 14 members present, 2 members attended via Zoom.

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.

President Ekel said the new Michigan Travel Guides have arrived and are available for purchase at the Museum at a cost of \$12.95 each. Ekel reminded attendees the Shanty Days Game-O-Rama will be held on the Saturday after the group's February 15th Meeting. The Game-O-Rama will be held much like previous years. Starting at noon and ending at 3:00 p.m., the event will feature board games, puzzles, and refreshments. There is no charge to attend the Game-O-Rama. Many Shanty Days visitors appreciate the Game-O-Rama as it provides a break from the cold and a place that is warm where they can relax and enjoy some games and conversation. Ekel said the Michigan Historical Society has announced some exciting trips and educational opportunities for Historical Society Members during 2024 including the 66th Annual Michigan in Perspective History Conference. Interested Historical Society Members may find more information regarding these events at the Museum or at the Historical Society of Michigan's web-site.

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, February 15, 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.