

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MEETING  
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024. There were 13 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 a Caseville Area book club has asked to use the Museum for their meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Permission was given as Dave Vizard, Caseville Historical Society's Vice-president, will be the guest speaker. Vizard will talk about writing and publishing his latest novel. Ekel said Vizard has also agreed to be the speaker at the Huron County Historical Society's Quarterly Meeting. Hosted by the Caseville Group and scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, that meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Caseville Group's Museum. Ekel also noted the Michigan Historical Society will host a Regional Workshop at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown on April 17<sup>th</sup>. More information on that workshop will be available soon. Ekel reminded the group about the Game-O-Rama event to be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Caseville's Shanty Days. She said the Museum would be open on Saturday, February 17, from noon to 4:00. Ekel asked those available to help set-up for the Game-O-Rama after the meeting. The Shanty Days 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.

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 at (989) 856-9090. 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, March 21, 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.