

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE MARCH 21, 2024 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024. There were 12 members present, 2 members attended via a Zoom Video Link-up.

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 until after the April 18, 2024 Meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting volunteers to indicate when they would be available to volunteer.

President Ekel called attention to the Farming Exhibit. She said Dale and Sue Melson, Sherry and Harold Hoelzle, Suzanne Hayes and Angela Miller have been working on it and it is nearly complete. Attendees were pleased with the results and expressed their appreciation. Ekel said two Caseville area bookclubs will be joining together and will be utilizing the Museum for their meeting on April 16th. Dave Vizard, Caseville Historical Society's Vice-president, will be the guest speaker for this special Book Club session. 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 9th, 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 17th.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Ray Quiel announced five finalists for the Caseville Historical Society's Scholarship Grant. This annual grant goes to a graduating Caseville School Senior who has applied for the grant, completed all requirements, and is planning on attending additional schooling. A winner will be announced next month.

Reporting for the Events Committee, Cathy Snider reviewed the dates for events planned during 2024. They are: The 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, April 18, 2024, 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.