

**NEWS RELEASE REGARDING THE JUNE MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF CASEVILLE**

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6733 Prospect ST., Caseville, MI 48725

Yee-haw! The Historical Society of Caseville is throwing its collective cowboy hat into the ring in support of a new weekend downtown merchants' event featuring Dolly Parton and benefitting children's reading programs.

Denim & Diamonds weekend is scheduled for July 25-26 and will be celebrated at a wide range of businesses downtown. The historical society museum will be open during the event as a site for children's drop off. New or gently used books (pre-school through 6th grade) will be collected for the new Caseville Elementary School Library at several locations in town. It will also be a temporary home to a Dolly Parton collection owned by Caseville's Brandon Dean, noted Trustee Rich Bass during the meeting.

Society members at the meeting also heard reports about three recent successful events at the museum.

Trustee Janet Ekel reported that nearly 200 visitors lined up for delicious treats during the Ice Cream Social. The museum was filled with visitors of all ages and chatter during a warm early summer day.

The historical society also participated in Caseville Public School's Heritage Festival with members helping with the event at the school and in the museum. Treasurer Angela Miller reported that the school was alive with activities, and it was deemed a success. Caseville School sent the historical society a thank you note, signed by students, for participating.

Trustee Sherry Hoelzle gave members at the meeting a review of the Ladies' Luncheon, which was a sold-out event again this year. Sherry noted that luncheon speaker was Sheila Eddy, a member of the Frank Murphy and the White Rock Historical Society. Thanks to members who donated salads and desserts to help make the luncheon delightful.

Plans for upcoming historical society events – the Cheeseburger Museum during the Caseville Cheeseburger Festival and the car, truck and tractor show during the Pumpkin Festival, were pre-viewed with updates.

Other notable notes from the meeting: The local ukulele club is strumming up a storm of music in the historical society museum at 11 a.m. each Monday morning. The Membership Committee reported three new members: Sita and Vince Melotti and Michael Butcher. Trustee Rich Bass also introduced new member Matt Filipovich to those who attended the meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.