

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE APRIL 18, 2024 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024. There were 13 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 announced that the Museum would be returning to regular hours on April 19th. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:30. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting volunteers to indicate when they would be available to volunteer to work at the Museum. President Ekel said Dan Dufty and Sharon Indo have again, very generously offered to take care of the yard work at the Museum for the summer of 2024.

President Ekel said last Tuesday, two area book clubs had met at the Museum to hear Dave Vizard talk about writing and publishing his new book, Murder For Treasure. Everyone attending that event was very impressed with the Museum and several commented favorably regarding the exhibits and general appearance of the Museum. The new Farming Exhibit received much praise. Ekel said five members from the Caseville Historical Society had attended the Michigan Historical Society's Regional Workshop at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown. President Ekel asked Rich Bass to update the group on that workshop. Bass outlined the activities from that meeting and said it was one of the best workshops he had attended. Ekel said the Huron County Historical Groups will be meeting at the Caseville Museum on May 9th for their quarterly meeting. Refreshments will be available at 6:30 and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. Again, Dave Vizard will speak to the group about writing and publishing his latest book. Ekel said volunteers would be asked to provide the refreshments. A spring clean-up of the yard and grounds has been scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers should bring rakes, and other yard tools to use in this annual clean-up.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Ray Quiel said the Scholarship Committee would be meeting later to finalize their decision regarding this year's Scholarship Grant Recipient. Quiel said he was "Very Impressed" with the applications. The winner will be announced soon.

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 said Barb Eimers will be available the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Museum to help persons researching their family histories from the Caseville Area. 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, May 16, 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.