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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

The THM Board of Directors met in person on.

- 1. New Exhibits:** The new Women of Tontitown: 1898-Present is now open, there will still be a few panels added through the summer as museum staff complete more profiles on the women we aim to highlight. The museum was blessed with many donations of photos and stories during the curation of the space as well as being able to move some larger artifacts to the off-site storage to make room for the Mary Maestri buffet that was in the entry way here at City Hall. We hope you can stop by to see this new exhibit and the rest of the museum. Museum staff aim to have a new exhibit once a year on a different theme that pertains to Tontitown.
- 2. Heritage Day:** Was June 2nd 12- 2pm at the Arthur Penzo Pavilion in the Harry Sbanotto Park. We had an amazing turnout, so much so that we lost count! We know we served Red Door Pulled Pork to well over 100 people, with many preferring to enjoy some Tontitown Winery Grape ice cream and a Ranalli's Farm cookie. The museum had well over 85 visitors inside, and we got a lot of positive feedback on the new exhibit as well as general changes museum staff have been able to accomplish in the past year since last Heritage Day. We wanted to thank everyone who came out, it was great to see Larry, Danny and Mayor Angela with their families and friends.
- 3. Internship:** Our summer intern, Anna Clair Davis, is focusing on the digitization of the museum collection. The museum recently purchased licensing for CatalogIT, a museum cataloging system that is easily searchable, accessible and eventually could be put online for researchers to access from home to see what our museum has to offer.
- 4. "Cries From the Cotton Field":** An additional showing of the documentary will be June 29th at 6pm, in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, if you or someone you know missed seeing it May 8th this is the perfect opportunity to see it and enjoy some light refreshments while you see the film. We are requiring an RSVP to the museum staff via phone 479-361-9800 or email: museum@tontitownar.gov.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

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