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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2024**

The THM Board of Directors met in person on.

1. **New Gift Shop:** Bill Gaiche donated his time and materials to build THM a new display shelf that will function as our gift shop. THM Board is looking into other gift shop items, including DVDs of “Cries from the Cotton Field”.
2. **Advertisement:** THM Board spent time at the meeting discussing new rack cards and brochures, we had three local businesses quote and chose ARcom Plus. These items will go out to other area museums, visitor centers and local Tontitown businesses to advertise the museum.
3. **Cataloging:** Our Museum Assistant, Juli Sallings and summer intern, Anna Clair Davis, have been working on adding our archives and collection into CatalogIT. Juli has taken on the task of moving our old logs from FilemakerPro to CatalogIT. Anna has also started working with the physical collection with Museum Manager Emily, to learn how to assess each artifact, measure and handle these delicate pieces of history.
4. **“Cries From the Cotton Field”:** Emily and Juli hosted the showing, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Parish Hall on June 29th, we had 120 guests watch the film. It was a great evening with popcorn, snacks and watching the story of Father Pietro Bandini and the Italians he led.

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

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 9th. Note there is no meeting in August due to the Tontitown Grape Festival.

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