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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

The THM Board of Directors met October 7th at Tontitown City Hall.

- 1. October Meeting:** THM board and staff met with four guests for our October 2024 meeting, guests included three potential new board members and the Mayor of Tontitown, Angela Russell. All were present for the regular meeting which included planning for the upcoming THM event as well as a pre-planning informational about updates to the THM property that will be the topic for the 2025 calendar year.
- 2. November 3rd THM Polenta Smear:** The THM Polenta Smear and Taste of Tontitown will be on November 3rd from 11:00-1:30pm, we hope to see you all there. This event is meant to bring our community together to enjoy a taste of the local cuisine, share stories of historic Tontitown and to help the museum gather information. During the event we will have a map of Tontitown that we are asking visitors to fill in with name and location of businesses, farms and original homesteads of Tontitown were located. We have flyers at the back with more information of the food and sponsors!
- 3. Digitization Project:** Museum Assistant Juli has been working diligently on this project and we are currently at 559 entries into CatalogIT. This project encompasses more than just putting a photo with basic information on the artifact, photo, or document; the end goal would be for a researcher, community member or volunteer to be able to open up one entry and be able to gain information on the subject matter, the condition of the item, who donated it and who that individual was connected to within our community, the location of the original provenance, and so much more.
- 4. Visitors:** For September THM welcomed 40 guests, including some Bikes, Blues, & BBQ attendees, and many visitors who wished to purchase copies of "*Cries from the Cotton Field*"
- 5. "*Cries from the Cotton Field*":** We have teased for awhile that DVDs were being produced and as of September 17th we started selling copies. Since then we have sold over 65 copies, we are keeping detailed logs on sales so we are aware when/if we need to order more. If you or someone you know is wanting a copy there are a few ways to get a copy: visit the museum during regular open hours, order a copy on our online giftshop for pickup at the museum/delivery; or stop by the Polenta Smear on November 3rd to get a copy and enjoy all that food!

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

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 9th.

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