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Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, December 17, 2024

The THM Board of Directors met December 2, 2024, at City Hall.

- 1. Returned Artifacts to THM: Rogers Historical Museum wrapped up their "Alcohol in the Ozarks" exhibit in mid-November and returned all the artifacts that were loaned from THM. Staff are working through the Agricultural Room to photograph and catalog each artifact in that room, as well as taking some artifacts off display. Items taken off display include the sports artifacts and items we have multiples of. Museum Manager Emily is working to write up stories that better illustrate why these artifacts are important to Tontitown history as well as more photos of these tools in use. If you or anyone you know have photos of your family working the farm, we would love to have those scanned into the collection for use in exhibits and education.
- **2. Digitization Project:** Museum Assistant Juli has been working diligently on this project and we are currently at 683 entries into CatalogIT.
- **3. Visitors:** November Visitors: 24. We are in the slow down of the museum season, the cold months tend to see and ebb and flow of the visitor count. We are hoping to see a rise around Christmas with people in town to celebrate the holidays.
- **4. Board Members:** THM Board is currently reviewing the applications of 4 potential board members, they are still determining how many of the candidates will be voted to join the board. We are excited to see what 2025 will bring for the museum, with new board members we hope to tackle expansion issues, education and additions of technology into the museum exhibits.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

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