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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

- 1. Upcoming Exhibits:** Museum staff are working diligently on updating the exhibits within the museum. The main exhibit will focus on the Women of Tontitown 1898-Present, you might see some familiar faces here tonight highlighted in the exhibit.
- 2. AMA Conference:** Museum Manager, Emily, and Board Secretary, Allyson Bowen, had the opportunity to attend the Arkansas Museum Association Conference March 25-28. The conference was hosted at the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith, there they were able to get behind the scenes looks at how Fort Smith museums operate, network and attend workshops and classes on how to Arkansas museums tackle everyday issues, changing times and how to best care for the collection items hosted in their museums.
- 3. New Staff:** The museum board has hired a new part-time Museum Assistant, Juli Sallings, she has a background in teaching, specifically Spanish, and has ties within the NWA volunteer group JustServe. We are really excited to bring Juli on as her enthusiasm for our history really comes through when you talk to her, she is eager to learn the history and meet the community that she will serve.
- 4. University of Arkansas Italian Studies Partnership:** Alessandro is in the final stages of his exhibit on the Veterans of Tontitown. He will be presenting his semester project in this hall on April 30th at 6pm, if you wish to attend to hear about how he conceptualized this project and his personal journey at the museum this semester. He will be presenting in English and Italian.
- 5. "Cries From the Cotton Field":** Don't forget to save the date for the world premiere of Cries from the Cotton Field on May 8th at 6pm, at the Har-Ber High Performing Arts Center.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

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