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Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum
Quarterly Report – April – June, 2020

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During the months of April, May and June visitors to the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum came from 18 states and the District of Columbia. There was a total of 402 paid visitors to the Museum during this quarter. A total of 375 people signed the guest book during this quarter.

Our visitors spent 1 night in local motels which included the Comfort Suites.

The Museum closed to the public beginning March 20th due to the Covid-19 virus. We re-opened on May 5th in a limited capacity. While we have had visitors it has been slow at around half the numbers we normally have which is to be expected. We have continued to keep an active online presence, including youtube videos, and just conducted an online virtual zoom program with the Arnold Library in Missouri.

So far, we have had one Lunch Break Special Program and one movie night since re-opening. Lewis Smith spoke about writing historical fiction and we showed the movie Return of the Durango Kid starring Charles Starrett. We also just decided to cancel the Audie Day event that had been rescheduled for August and will be postponing our annual dinner due to the increase in cases.

The Museum also recently decided to temporarily move the confederate statue to help preserve and protect it. Between many of them being damaged recently, including those at other museums, both the museum and the police have been concerned. The board just decided to form a committee to further discuss the statue and we will also be looking at security ideas for the grounds which is something we do not currently have.

We thank you for your continued support of the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum. Your support allows us to preserve Hunt County's rich history. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at (903) 450-4502.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lanning
Executive Director
Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum