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Tontitown Historical Museum July 21, 2026

The THM Board of Directors met at City Hall on July 6, 2026.

- 1. New Exhibit:** Tontitown Historical Museum is celebrating our 40th anniversary since opening in 1986; this exhibit is now on display in City Hall. The museum is honored to have this long history of serving the Tontitown community and preserving the history!
- 2. Grape Festival:** We had many visitors in for Grape Festival, including some Sunnyside descendants who came up to see where the rest of the Italians settled! Staff had a great time sharing history and facts that overlapped and learning about their families experiences in the southern part of the state.
 - a. We received 146 visitors during our Grape Festival hours
- 3. Digitization Project:** Staff have begun to photograph, measure and create condition reports for artifacts in the collection to get them entered into the online collection.
- 4. Identification Project:** We have received many photos with missing identification or none at all, staff have been working to fill in the gaps and are going to begin posting these photos on our social media to get the public's help.
- 5. Visitors:** 19
- 6. Summer Camp Collaboration:** After collaborating with Washington County Historical Society for their summer camp, staff have begun plans for a fall/early spring camp that would encompass Tontitown history, food culture of Tontitown and the hobbies and leisure activities of the people. We will announce dates once we finalize these plans!
- 7. Collection:** THM has several new donations, including items from the Nun's home at St. Joseph, Signs from Mary Maestri's and many other great artifacts and photos! Stop by the museum to see some of these new items.

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

THM Board will meet September 14, 2026 at 6pm in Tontitown City Hall.