

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 03/15/16**

The THM board met on 03/7/16 for the March meeting.

1. **AMA Conference** - March 29-31 are the dates for the Arkansas Museums Association annual conference in Little Rock. Beverly, Becky and Rachel Bellamy will be attending the conference on Wednesday and Thursday. Beverly is serving on the AMA Nominating Committee board this year during the meeting at the request of Jama Best, Vice President of the AMA Board of Directors.
2. **New Board Member** - A motion passed at the recent THM board meeting to nominate Kyle Young to the Museum board. Kyle is finishing his bachelors degree in History this year and plans to attend graduate school in a history field. He would like to someday be a museum curator. We welcome Kyle to the board pending approval by the City Council at the next scheduled meeting.
3. **THM Work Day** - The Museum work day was very productive. Many items in the Daily Living room were archived and everyone present learned how to properly archive an item including photos and entering the information into our database. July 15 will be our next Friday work day at the Museum for those who can make arrangements to attend.
4. **May Event 5/15/16** - "Celebrating our Creative Cultures," is the theme of Arkansas Heritage Month this year. The Museum board is planning activities for the annual celebration on Sunday, 5/15. Music, food and Tontitown heritage will be featured. More details to come, please mark your calendar!
5. **30th Anniversary Celebration** - The Museum celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and the board is planning a celebration on September 10. Earlier ideas were to host a celebration in June but more time is needed to plan a fitting celebration. More details to come, please mark your calendar for this special event.
6. **Bridge Funds** - Our very own Dr. Becky Howard is working on obtaining bridge funds for the museum through the Arkansas Community Foundation. These funds are given out monthly, typically in \$1,000 increments. This type of funding could be used for temporary exhibits and many of our other museum ideas.

The next Museum board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4.

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