

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report  
for COW Meeting - 7/17/2018**

The THM Board met on July 2, 2018.

1. **Ms. Brittany Berry's class to partner with THM** -- Ms. Brittany Berry from Helen Tyson Middle School contacted THM to pursue partnering for a *Museum on Main Street (MoMS)* project, which is part of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Ms. Berry teaches in the EAST curriculum (**E**nvironmental and **S**patial **T**echnology, being renamed to **E**ducation **A**ccelerated through **S**ervice and **T**echnology).

This year the *MoMS* theme is *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, which aligns well with Tontitown's heritage of homemade pastas, sauces, breads, and wines. The *MoMS* program provides grants for their projects, and Ms. Berry is applying for one for an interactive exhibit and/or a driving community tour map of Tontitown. Ms. Berry shared an example interactive food table exhibit which she saw while touring the European History Museum this summer, and said that her students could do something similar. The THM Board was very impressed. The project would be completed by April 2019. A bonus in the partnership is that the partnering institution will likely receive part of the grant money at the end of the project for its own use. The Board looks forward to working with Ms. Berry and her students, and bringing a new interactive exhibit to life in our museum, as well as a driving tour of historical landmarks of Tontitown.

2. **Tontitown Oral History Video Project** -- Scott Davis has completed 15 interviews, and took footage of making spaghetti pasta for the Tontitown Grape Festival dinners last week. Scott also plans to shoot some footage on the grounds during the festival. THM plans to release the video project during the Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear on October 28.
3. **THM exhibits** -- Work is proceeding to move the Queen Concordia exhibit from the THM exhibit case over to the City Hall exhibit case, create a new exhibit for THM's entry, and also create a temporary Old School exhibit for the Tontitown Grape Festival.
4. **Tontitown Grape Festival hours** -- THM will extend open hours during the festival to:
  - Thursday, August 9 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  - Friday, August 10 from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, August 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.Sunday, August 12 returns to regular open times from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
5. **Sunday THM position open** -- Britni Pottridge received a promotion in her other job, and will not be able to work Sundays for THM after July 29. Britni has been a conscientious, creative, and thoughtful worker. The THM Board is very grateful for her time with us. We will proceed to find another Sunday worker as soon as possible.

The next THM Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. We may reschedule that meeting due to the Tontitown Grape Festival. Check the City Calendar for updates.

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