

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report
for COW Meeting - 06/20/2017**

The THM board met on 06/05/17.

1. **Treasurer's Report** - The deposit from the May event was \$562: \$95 from the raffle, \$22 from the donation box, \$20 in memory of Phyllis Brunetti Hale and \$425 from Amici Memberships. We continue to receive Amici membership renewals from the return envelope in the newsletter.
2. **May Event** - The annual "Tontitown Heritage Day" on May 21 was great fun! Bill Mussino and Riley Tessaro demonstrated a Morra game for the crowd, then Bill's son Nathan and Bev Cortiana-McEuen challenged Bill. We were grateful to have Pickin'-in-the-Park musicians play tunes, in memory and in honor of Don Allen. We thank Bryan McEuen of Benton County Farm Bureau for grilling hot dogs and providing chips, Tontitown Winery for providing water, and Ranalli Farms for yummy cookies. Grapette soda was a refreshing addition this year.
3. **Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear Online Survey** - The online survey has been helpful. The Board discussed ways to change up the event this year. A possible "Polenta Smear cook off" was mentioned. The Board tossed around the idea of having families sign up as "teams". We will continue brainstorming at the next meeting. This year's Polenta Smear will be on Sunday, October 29.
4. **Grape Festival Temporary Exhibit** - We are still pursuing a temporary historical exhibit at the Old School during the Grape Festival. The Exhibit Committee will provide updates soon.
5. **Har-Ber Students Video Documentary** - Har-Ber High School students Chelsea Hidalgo and Nathan Plocoman completed a documentary on *The History of St. Joseph's Catholic Church* and provided a copy to the Museum. They received a 1st Place award from the Department of Arkansas Heritage Competition for their excellent work. You can view the video on our facebook page.
6. **Gilroy Museum (in California)** - Phill and Kathy Bariola Laursen requested the use of content from the THM immigration display for the Gilroy Museum. Many Tontitown family relatives settled in Gilroy, California. The Board believes sharing exhibit content will be great exposure for THM. Rachel will work with Phill to provide Word documents and scanned photographs for their museum, and they will credit THM.

Because of the July 4th holiday, the next Museum Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10.

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