

## Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The THM Board of Directors met in-person on Monday, November 1st.

- 1. Halloween** - The THM Board was excited to participate in the hugely successful **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tontitown Trick or Treat in the Park** event this year!
- 2. Polenta Smear** - The **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear** was a big success on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> with about 75 people attending. The THM Board wants to share sincere thanks to so many who helped us make the day so special: Guido's Pizza, Mama Z's, and the Venesian Inn generously donated gift certificates for door prizes; Loretta Brunetti entertained all with her special Tontitown rendition of *That's Amore*; Tontitown Winery provided a beautiful gift basket and Vince Pionalto baked two amazing cakes to raffle; Andrew Karras, David Peachee and Dax Peachee were helpers at every turn and made yummy polenta; Jeff and Melissa Bowen of the Venesian Inn cooked delicious chicken umedo; Brenda Pionalto was our awesome photographer; and Roger Pionalto and the St. Joseph Catholic Youth, led by Misty Piazza, helped serve and work the kitchen during the event. Grazie Mille to all! It was a fantastic day!
- 3. Museum Entrance** - A wonderful new deck/ramp to enter the museum using the front door is nearly complete. Many thanks to Boy Scout Christopher Guy for choosing this deck rebuild as his Eagle Scout project and to Boy Scout Troop 81 for their assistance.
- 4. Blessings Box** - A beautiful Blessings Box located near the parking lot next to the museum is also nearly complete. Many thanks to Boy Scout Matthew Webb for building this pantry as his Eagle Scout project, also in Boy Scout Troop 81. Misty Piazza will coordinate stocking the Blessings Box with food and necessities for the needy. To honor Henry and Charlotte Piazza for their dedicated efforts in starting and developing Tontitown Historical Museum, the box is named "The Piazza Family Blessings Box."

As a reminder, please contact Pam if you need to visit the museum for any reason. We are still not allowing the public to visit without a scheduled appointment. Pam can be reached at 479-502-2221. To schedule an appointment, please call 479-361-9800. Thank you!

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6 p.m.

### THM Board Members

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