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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, December 18th, 2025**

The THM Board of Directors met December 8, 2025 at City Hall at 6p.m.

- 1. Springdale Schools Collaboration:** THM is working with Walker Elementary School GT Program to map out historic sites of Tontitown. Students will be producing a story map to go into their Discovery Box, we hope to also incorporate this into a driving tour that Brittany Berry's E.A.S.T. classes at Helen Tyson Middle School have been working on for several years.
- 2. Digitization Project:** Our database is live online, with all the photos, artifacts and archival material currently digitized. Those interested in Tontitown can search from the comfort of their own home and reach out to us with questions or if they have identification for unknown people in photos they can send us that information as well!
- 3. Visitors:** 13 visitors for November, compared to 2024: 24.
- 4. New Exhibits 2026:** We are in the final stages of putting together the Veterans of Tontitown exhibit, we hope you all will take some time 2026 to stop by the museum and view this exhibit which will not only look at our Tontitown veterans but the home front efforts in both World War I and World War II, and photos from one of our Vietnam Veterans. In addition to our Veterans exhibit, we plan to have a small exhibit celebrating America 250 where we will explore how Tontitown embraced American culture and worked to establish an incorporated city by 1909.
- 5. New on Display:** Ozark Electric Co-Op's latest newsletter will feature a story on the Rural Electrification project that was begun in the late 1930's. Tontitown was one of the first contracts for this project and the article also features Memo and Rose Bastianelli Morsani. The Morsani's were the representatives for Tontitown who went house to house discussing the benefits of electrifying homes and farms. In conjunction with this article a small display case with Rose and Memo's personal effects and a little of their story is up in our main room.

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

THM Board will meet on January 5th Chambers at City Hall at 6p.m.

Board of Directors

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Committees: All Committees have a 1 Year Rotation

HR Committee – 3 board members: Kara, Allyson, & Megan

Food Committee- 3 board members: Misty, Allyson, & Ashlyn

Volunteers Committee – 3 board members: Misty Piazza, Kara Engle, Chris Taldo

Newsletter Committee – 3 board members: Torrie Pianalto, Heather Ranali Peachee, Ashlyn Bowen

Expansion Committee – 3 board members: Kevin Maestri, Billy Morgan, Megan McAfee, Rachel Pianalto-Strickland

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