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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

The THM Board of Directors met January 5, 2026 at City Hall at 6p.m.

- 1. Springdale Schools Collaboration:** Helen Tyson Middle School E.A.S.T students have been working on a Time Traveler to Tontitown game, we are excited to hear more from them in the next few weeks when they stop by the museum. Students will be visiting the Veterans of Tontitown to learn more about those who served and the research process staff used while putting the exhibit together. Haas Hall Academy in Springdale started an Italian studies class, students visited the museum and learned about the Italians who settled this area and how the town got started.
- 2. Digitization Project:** Goals for 2026 are set to photograph all our artifacts (objects), we aim to have all physical objects cataloged and to continue improving our tagging and notes of items already in the database.
- 3. Visitors:** 14 visitors including Haas Hall Academy Springdale.
- 4. New Exhibits 2026:** The Veterans of Tontitown Exhibit will officially be open later this week. We are aiming to publish on social media the opening once repairs on the museum are complete. This exhibit will stay up through 2026, we invite the public to come learn about our Tontitown Veterans and what the community experienced through during war time through newspapers, the words of our veterans and the photos they took during their service. We now are preparing our America 250 exhibit celebrating Tontitown becoming incorporated and its mark withing American history.
- 5. New to the Museum:** Walmart Museum generously donated 8 large touchscreen monitors to local small museums to use within their spaces. Tontitown was lucky enough to get one, we plan on utilizing this technology to allow guests to explore our collection, genealogy site and are forming plans to use this technology in future exhibits to expand how our guests interact with Tontitown history.
- 6. Updates to Officers:** The January meeting officers were voted on and updated, please see the list below for new updates to officers and committees.

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

THM Board will meet on February 2nd Chambers at City Hall at 6p.m.

Board of Directors

Misty Piazza	President	Heather Ranalli-Peachee	Member
Kevin Maestri	Vice President	Daxton Peachee	Member
Kara Engle	Treasurer	Torrie Pianalto	Member
Rachel Pianalto	Co-Treasurer	Allyson Bown	Member
Torrie Pianalto	Secretary	Brittany Berry	Member
		Chris Taldo	Member
		Billy Morgan	Member
		Ashlyn Bowen	Member
		Katie Jo Piazza	Jr. Member
		Nikki Mussino	Jr. Member

Committees: All Committees have a 1 Year Rotation

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

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

Volunteers Committee – 3 board members: Misty Piazza and Chris Taldo

Newsletter Committee – 3 board members: Torrie Pianalto, Rachel Pianalto, Ashlyn Bowen

Expansion Committee – 3 board members: Kevin Maestri, Billy Morgan, Rachel Pianalto

Collections Committee – 2-3 board members: Brittany Berry

Fundraising Committee – 2 board members: Misty Piazza, Rachel Pianalto

Education Committee – 2 board members: Dax Peachee, Brittany Berry