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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

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

- 1. Heritage Day:** Save the date for Tontitown Heritage Day, May 31st, Noon-2p.m.; Red Door will be providing pulled pork sandwiches, Tontitown Winery is bringing their Grape Ice Cream again. We will have crafts for kids, the museum will be open for guests to view the new exhibits. There will be a Silent Baked Goods Auction and a Raffle Basket Giveaway. And live music from one of our Tontitown local bands!
- 2. Summer Camp:** We are happy to announce we will be hosting a 3-day summer camp this June, from the 8th-10th. Students will get a chance to learn about Tontitown history through crafts, games, food and get a chance to explore their own history through a guided ancestry activity. Please see our social media or email museum@tontitownar.gov for more details.
- 3. Digitization Project:** Staff are working on textile photographing, this includes wedding dresses, Queen Concordia dresses, vestments, early settler clothing, blankets, flags and banners.
- 4. Visitors:** 33 (21: 2025)
- 5. AMA Conference:** Staff traveled to Newport, AR for the annual Arkansas Museum Association Conference, they attended classes and had the opportunity to visit local historic sites and museum during the week.
- 6. Translations:** Staff are working on translating an Italian cookbook that was written by Rosa Martinelli Bersi. The University of Arkansas Italian program has some professors interested in utilizing this document in their classes this fall.
- 7. New to the collection:** New donations have been brought to the museum including some rare World War II photos taken by Woodie Stockton, one of our Tontitown Veterans, these photos show his units movement from Africa up through Italy and finally his entrance into Germany. Some striking shots are of downed German planes and disabled tanks. As well as a "Buy War Bonds" poster which experts from Jacksonville Military Museum have referenced as rare and one they have never seen before. These items will be available to view online later this spring/summer.

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

THM Board will meet on May 4th Chambers at City Hall at 6p.m.

Board of Directors

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		Chris Taldo	Member
		Billy Morgan	Member
		Ashlyn Bowen	Member
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		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 Pionalto, Rachel Pionalto, Ashlyn Bowen

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Collections Committee – 2-3 board members: Brittany Berry

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

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