

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report  
for COW Meeting - 10/16/2018**

The THM Board met on Monday, October 1.

1. **Polenta Smear** -- The *17th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear* is Sunday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The Tontitown Oral History Video Project by Scott Davis will be debuted. New this year is a "Show and Tell" table available for guests to bring special family heirlooms for others to enjoy which represent the history of their Tontitown family. We also hope to have some variations of umedo this year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the 28th!
2. **Italian translation of Tontitown books** -- We continue to communicate with Ernesto Milani from Milan, Italy about translating our books "*So Big, This Little Place*" and *Memories I Can't Let Go Of* into Italian. Mr. Milani traveled to Recoaro, Italy on October 12-13 to discuss book plans. We received a sample permissions letter from the University of Arkansas Press which we tailored and shared with Mr. Milani. We look forward to final plans in the near future.
3. **Museum Staff Update** -- We are looking for a Museum Assistant to work 3 days a week: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. The job will be advertised on Indeed, University of Arkansas and John Brown University history departments, and on the Tontitown city website.
4. **Tontitown Storia newsletter** -- The Fall issue of the *Tontitown Storia* newsletter will be distributed after the Polenta Smear this year.

The next THM Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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