

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

The THM Board of Directors met via Zoom on Monday, August 3, 2020.

1. **Museum CD and Savings account-** The Museum CD matured on July 6 with \$214,942.35. Because the CD rates were very low (.60%, the same as our Savings Account), we did not renew the CD. We moved the CD funds to our Savings Account. Pat Pianalto is researching better CD interest rates. As of July 31, the combined CD and Savings total was \$229,939.04.
2. **3rd Annual Arkansas Symbols Day, Friday, September 18-** The THM has been invited to participate again in the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History's Symbols Day this year. We have been asked to share a 7-10 minute video about the Cynthiana grape in Arkansas and about Tontitown's role in the grape industry. Heather Ranalli-Peachee and her father, Chris Ranalli, have graciously volunteered their knowledge and expertise to speak on behalf of this topic.
3. **19th Annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear-** The THM board has made the decision to cancel the Polenta Smear this year. Due to the changing circumstances and the unforeseen future, we feel this decision must be made to protect the safety of our attendees and volunteers.
4. **"Tontitown: Grapes, Sparkling Wine and Sweet Hospitality"-** The "Busvlogger James" interviewed Heather Ranalli-Peachee this month to share the Italian history of Tontitown, and to spotlight current businesses located in Tontitown that are still tied to our roots.

We invite you to watch this interview found on the [Only In Arkansas website](#), sponsored by First Security. Thank you, Busvlogger James, for visiting Tontitown and for recognizing us as one of Arkansas's spectacularly unique towns.

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 currently. Pam can be reached at 479-502-2221. Thank you!

Because of Labor Day, the next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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