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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Monday, October 2, 2023.

- 1. Polenta Smear:** November 5, 2023, was our 21st annual Tontitown Reunion and old-fashioned Polenta Smear featuring a Taste of Tontitown. We had 202 guests along with our team of volunteers, board members and staff attend. Dr. Larry Foley spoke about the upcoming film “Cries from the Cottonfield” and answered questions about the release in 2024.
- 2. Author Book Talk:** THM and the City of Tontitown hosted author Lauren Braun-Strumfels, on Wednesday October 25th. This was a pre-release event as the book was officially released the next week. We had 17 in attendance
- 3. Italian-American Studies Conference October 25-28:** THM was happy to host two special tours for those in NWA for the IAS Conference. Those in attendance were walked through the journey of the Italians who settled and founded Tontitown while looking through artifacts and photos of those people. There were a few sessions of the conference that focused on the Sunnyside and Tontitown history, with professors from the University of Arkansas, Lone Star College, Cedar Crest College speaking on the topics.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 4th.

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