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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting  
Tuesday, March, 19, 2024**

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Monday, March 4, 2024.

- 1. Upcoming Exhibits:** Museum staff are working on a new exhibit in THM and within City Hall. Our intern Alessandro is taking lead on the creation of the Veterans of Tontitown display that will be housed in the City Hall display case, this will be his semester project and he will also be presenting his work to his peers and teachers in May, date to be determined. The second exhibit that will be featuring the Women of Tontitown 1898-Present. This exhibit will highlight women in the community, their work inside and outside their homes and the traditions they have passed down through the generations. Both exhibits will be up for at least 1 year from their unveiling.
- 2. Arkansas Museum Association Regional Meetup:** Tontitown Historical Museum was honored to host this quarterly meet-up on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is to bring our local museum community together to share news on our museums, events and to network. We hosted over a dozen individuals from 5 different Northwest Arkansas museums.
- 3. History Day:** Tontitown Historical Museum was invited to host a table in National History Day which was held at the University of Arkansas on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Emily was present to talk with local students about their projects and to promote Tontitown Historical Museum.
- 4. Cries from the Cotton Field:** We are promoting the release of Dr. Larry Foley's feature length documentary which aims to tell the story of the founding of Tontitown and the people who founded it. The world premiere will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 at Har-Ber High Performing Arts Center. We hope to see you there!
- 5. Board Changes:** At our March meeting we elected a new Vice-President, Kara Jo Engle and a new Secretary, Allyson Bowen. We are thankful for their enthusiasm in their new posts and their willingness to step up.
- 6. New Board Member:** We are pleased to announce we have a new onboarding board member, Chelsea Stewart. Chelsea is the Museum Manager at Peel Museum & Botanical Garden in Bentonville.
- 7. Save the Date:** Heritage Day will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Arthur Penzo Pavilion. We have some exciting plans for this event as we are celebrating 125 years of Tontitown history this year.

**Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday & Saturday 1 pm – 4 pm**

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **THM Board Members**

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