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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting  
Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in August due to the Grape Festival.

- 1. Tontitown Grape Festival:** THM was opened for extended hours during the Grape Festival, we had 131 visitors just within the festival hours. With many Tontitown descendants from out of town for the festival, it was a great time!
- 2. Digitization Project:** The current count for CatalogIt is 2,156, as we refine the entries already in the system to prepare for online publication of the catalog at the end of 2025. We hope this catalog will allow researchers, students and out of town patrons to see what is in our collection to prepare for their visit.
- 3. Identification of Photos:** As staff work through photos we are asking the public to help identify ones that have question marks, please keep an eye out on our social media platforms for these photos. If you see someone you know please leave us a comment so we can update these entries in our cataloging system!
- 4. Visitors:** July 30; 2024: 33 visitors
- 5. New Exhibits 2026:** Staff are actively working on two new exhibits within the museum. We are excited to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America with an interactive exhibit on the founding of Tontitown and how the first mayor and city council built the city infrastructure of the newly incorporated town in 1910. As well as celebrate the Veterans of Tontitown who have served America since the World War I. If you have photos, stories or artifacts you would like to loan or have scanned for the Veterans of Tontitown exhibit please reach out to staff to see how you can help enrich this exhibit; [museum@tontitownar.gov](mailto:museum@tontitownar.gov)
- 6. Fall Programming:** A showing of Cries from the Cotton Field will be shown at the Springdale Public Library on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Museum Manager Emily will be hosting a lecture for the OLLI group in and hosting a booth for Arkansas Symbols Day at Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, in October.

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

THM Board will meet September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at City Hall at 6pm.

## Board of Directors

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Committees: All Committees have a 1 Year Rotation

HR Committee – 3 board members: Kara, Allyson, & Megan

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