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**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

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

- 1. Polenta Smear:** Save the Date, November 5, 2023, for our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tontitown Reunion and old-fashioned Polenta Smear featuring a Taste of Tontitown. We will be partnering with the local restaurants to serve tasting portions of their signature dishes.
- 2. Italian Visitors:** THM was happy to host Luciano Caleffi and his wife on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Luciano is a lead researcher in Tontitown history, he has researched the lives of those who came to settle in Tontitown prior to their departure in 1895. With his help Tontitown continues to be discussed, researched and written about in Italy, including his book, "Terra Promessa", a copy was presented to the museum and to Mayor Russell.
- 3. Symbols Day:** THM was invited to represent the grape at Shiloh Museum of Ozark History on October 10<sup>th</sup>, this day invited K-3<sup>rd</sup> students to learn about the various symbols of Arkansas and why they are important to our history in the state. We met with 265 students from several different school districts as well as homeschool groups.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> as we will be preparing for the Polenta Smear in November.

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# Symbols Day 2023





