




NEXT MEETING:

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HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

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CARTER NAMED NEW TREASURER



Earlier this year Babo Carter, life-long Hominy resident and Heritage Association Member, became the new treasurer for the Heritage when former treasurer Evelyn Ingersoll stepped down from the position.

Ingersoll stated that she no longer wanted the responsibility of treasurer, but planned to remain active in the organization.

The Heritage voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Ingersoll, and for the appointment of Carter as new treasurer at its July meeting.

Over the last few months Carter has been working on fund-raising ideas, including an option from the internet site "Go Fund Me." Research is currently being done to see what liabilities the Heritage may encounter when pursuing this kind of funding.

YOUR VOICE, OUR HISTORY

Preserving Hominy's history is only half of the job that the Heritage Association undertakes. After collecting, cataloging and storing our acquisitions, we are always looking for

ways to share it with anyone interested.

Do you have a story, memory, photograph or anything else that you would like to share about our community's history? Send it to us at:

hominyheritage@gmail.com
Your stories, photos and memories can be added to our ever-growing collection and even featured in this newsletter.

DIGITAL HISTORY

Several early Hominy residents were interviewed years ago and their stories about Hominy were recorded on cassette tapes. The Heritage is currently working on digitizing these tapes for posterity. Once the digitization process is complete the audio files will be uploaded to our website so they can be accessed by anyone wanting to hear some of Hominy's early history first hand from those who were there to live it.

WEBSITE REMINDER

We now have our website at: www.hominyheritage.org which can be accessed 24/7. We are always adding new information. You can contact us, or see some of our latest endeavors on Facebook, at:

[facebook.com/hominyheritage](https://www.facebook.com/hominyheritage)
If you haven't signed up for our newsletter, you can do so by visiting: newsletter.hominyheritage.org

SHOEMAKER TALKS TRAINS WITH STUDENTS

Without doubt, former Heritage president Arthur Shoemaker is Hominy's resident historian. He is interested in all things history, but his favorite subject is the railroad. His love for the iron horse started years ago. His father worked for the railroad; he rode the troop train across the country during World War II; and he has even authored a small book about the subject.

A few months ago, he shared his wealth of railroad knowledge with nearly one hundred children who visited the MKT Depot from Hominy's Early Childhood Center. Four groups of children were bussed to the depot where they were met by Shoemaker who answered their questions and asked some of his own. Pointing out the crossing signal sign and

the baggage cart inside the depot, he explained their uses and even invited the kids to turn on the crossing signal that rang throughout building.

Concluding their tour, the kids walked through the caboose, learning about its importance. Before exiting the caboose the children climbed into the cupola to look out the windows high above the tracks.

Art will be the first to tell you that there are not many trains left, and preserving the knowledge and history behind these giant mechanical marvels is truly important. So much of our country could not have been built without the help of the railroading system.

In addition to the ECC teachers and students, Mr. Shoemaker's son, the late Ross Shoemaker, Heritage members Babo Carter and his wife, Sherry, and Jimmie Ratliff were on hand to assist Art on that day.



Arthur Shoemaker tells the history of the railroad through Hominy to students from the Early Childhood Center who visited Hominy's MKT Depot earlier this year.