



Hello Historical Society Members,

“The best-laid plans...”

We reopened the History Museum on June 18th and welcomed a few visitors through the 20th of June. Then, with the increase in Covid 19 cases, we closed again.

In the aftermath of gatherings and travel over the 4th of July holiday, we have decided to continue to err on the side of caution. We will target the end of the month for reopening and see if COVID cases in the area stabilize or drop off by then.



**“Say kids, what time is it?”**

Our summer Howdy Doody exhibit is in place and was announced in a recent issue of the Lee’s Summit Tribune. This exhibit features memorabilia from the 1950’s children’s TV show, Howdy Doody. Our thanks to Fred Grogan, our Board Chair, who donated and installed this exhibit. As the Tribune article said, “This nostalgic exhibit will put a smile on your face.”

The World War I (WWI) artifacts, donated by the Stuhlman family, have been moved to a separate display case in our Lee’s Summit at War area. One unique piece on display is a “hate belt.” It is said that if a German soldier killed or captured an Allied soldier, during WWI, they would take a button from the Allied soldier and put it on their belt. These belts also became souvenirs for Allied and German Soldiers.



Our thanks to volunteers John Wisniewski, Fred Grogan, Mike and Cathy Wallace and Steve Sage for moving furniture and cleaning in preparation for the museum's original reopening in June. We are so grateful for the work our volunteers continue to do behind the scenes as well as sharing the museum with our visitors! Pictured here are volunteers Darrell and Carolyn Hall Evans wearing their new masks as they work in the museum.



The City has installed a new sculpture in front of the museum. It is titled "The Feather." It is part of displays installed by the City of Lee's Summit Cultural Arts Division & Arts Council, Downtown Community Improvement District and the Industrial Development Authority.

The August membership meeting has been cancelled due to continued Covid 19 social distancing requirements. Our speaker, Linda Goin, from Missouri

Town, is planning to provide a video presentation for us. Information will be forthcoming on Facebook when that video is available.

Please stay well and we will hope to see you again soon at the museum.

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