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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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**COVID, COVID, COVID!!!!**

**Enough Already!!!**

Are you like me and have become so tired of hearing nothing but news about Covid-19? I can assure you, we are not the only ones. This virus has defiantly brought out the best and the worst in us all. So let me give you some good news that we can all look forward to. **Opening Day!!!** Our first day to be open to the public is Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2020. Now, I know that you will not be getting this newsletter in time to do something about getting over here by then but our hours are set for Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm and we hope you will mark your calendar for a day you can come. We have completed a heap of cleaning and organizing projects throughout all the property and know you will be impressed. (Even the depot is getting a new coat of paint!)

We know you will be happy with this news too... We scheduled with Lemons moving company out of Idaho Falls to move the WWII barracks from Teeter's to the Museum. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the barracks were prepared for the move and the actual move took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. That's right. The barracks arrived on our opening day! How fitting!

Ray Stockton has worked on restoring an original barracks spotlight that will go nicely with our new building as well.

Another good news moment is that our own director Rick Parker scanned a copy of an original place mat used for paying customers when they took trips on the American Express Train. We would love for you to take one home as a souvenir. Rick also set up a summer project in conjunction with the College of Southern Idaho to start an online class to get students to work together on research projects. He will be broadcasting this from the museum once a week. By the end of summer he plans to have his pupils complete a website for us featuring their research. This will be an amazing opportunity.

Additionally, the museum has been offered a stagecoach from Nancy Kunau's parents, Dallas and Sandra Stoller. We are elated to be able to receive this gift and we eagerly wait for it to arrive.

Now, last but not least, John Remsburg secured a place to build us a building on our property to house tons of power and steam equipment that are all in working condition. He has already begun this adventure and hopes to see it come together by the end of this year. This will truly be a fantastic asset to us and the community.

The museum would like to welcome Ralph Thornton as our newest member and would like to thank him for his generosity. We would like to also thank Tom Goodman for getting us a new rope for our flag. It's nice to have it flying again.

Please keep in mind our upcoming events that we posted last month. We will be able to get a secure date on them soon.

## Events

- **Museums Grand Re-Opening in conjunction with celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the year**
- **Membership Drive**
- **Yard Sale**
- **Night at the Museum**
- **Member's monthly meetings**
- **Mike Christensen's Power and Steam set for September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.**
- **Christmas party**
- **"School Days" presentations in May 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month at 6p.m. at the museum. The members and public are invited to attend.

Regular Member Meetings are set to take place on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 P.M. at the museum. Members are encouraged to attend as we will be offering educational information and refreshments including an opportunity to get to know everyone.

If anyone has skills and knowledge they would like to put to use for our members meeting we would be happy to hear from you. Our email address is [minidokam@outlook.com](mailto:minidokam@outlook.com).

**We always love VOLUNTEERS!**

Please feel free to call the museum any time and leave us a message at 208-436-0336 if you have any ideas or questions and we will get back to you. Good luck.

If you have not yet paid your dues you can mail them in @  
P.O. Box 21 Rupert, ID 83350.

Single \$10 Couple \$15 Child 13-18 \$4 Child 12 and under Free  
Lifetime membership \$100. Thanks



**This is an image of the Stoller Stagecoach.**

