# LEHI LEDGER

November 2022



### The Hutchings Museum Legacy

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Lehi City is a great place to live with so many great places to visit and several functions throughout the year that we can come together as a city.

Some of those functions are the Easter Egg Hunt that is held every year. The annual Lehi Rodeo Days held the last full week in June.

Heritage Days held on Labor Day in September, where we honor eight to ten couples who have made a difference in Lehi by helping and serving in different capacities of the city. The Lehi Expo held in April, where the Lehi City power employees will take the children for a ride in the bucket trucks. We also have the Library Gala where donations are used to help with the needs of the library. Last year Sterling Bronson started the Boots & Badges Annual Paint Ball Invitational. This year it was held the end of September at the Rodeo grounds. The funds made there go to the Lehi Fire and Police Departments for extra items the departments need. That is just few of the activities held in Lehi.

We also have the John Hutchings Museum which is located in the Veteran's Memorial Building on Center Street. This museum is what I'd like to focus on. The museum was started because of the collections of John

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Hutchings. The following material is taken from the book, "Lehi Portraits of a Utah Town" by Richard S. Van Wagoner.

"John Hutchings was born in Lehi on 11 March 1889to William L. and Mary Wanlass Hutchings. As a young boy John displayed a keen curiosity in natural history. Encouraged by a supportive mother, by age five he was collecting Indian artifacts and other items that captured his fancy. John's collecting hobby became a life-long passion-which was fortunately shared by his wife Eunice and their children.

From 1918-48 Hutchings was employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He worked first as a horse-and- buggy-driving rural carrier, and later as a walking mailman. The sooner his daily mail route was completed, the more time he had for pursuing his hobby. The family spent much time specially weekends and holidays, on adventurous exploring expeditions searching for items to add to their collection. This massive collection soon filled several outbuildings, much of their yard, and all spare space in the house at 678 North 200 West. Only about 20 percent of the more than 150,000 items on their property could be displayed, so the Hutchings decided to take the steps necessary to make the items more accessible to the public.

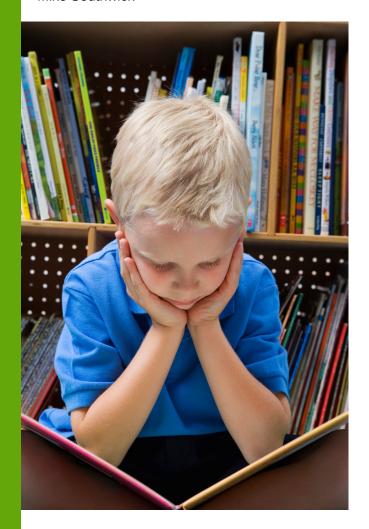
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The Lehi Lions Club announced in the April 1, 1954 Lehi Free Press that a tentative agreement had been reached with John Hutchings to donate his entire collection to a "non-political nonprofit corporation" which would be named the John Hutchings Museum of Natural History."

Today the Hutchings family still have a great interest in the museum. Three granddaughters and a great granddaughter are serving as board members and secretary. Esther (Hutchings) Sumsion as president and Galynn (Hutchings) Donavan as secretary. Robyn (Hutchings) Stanley and Erika (Hutchings) Woodruff as board members. Also, John Shepherd is serving on the board as the veteran's representative. Serving as Museum Director is Daniella Larsen. She is very passionate about the museum and continuing the legacy started by John Hutchings. Thanks to all who are involved in serving at the John Hutchings Museum.

To each of you I extend an invitation to come and see all that's happening at the museum.

-Mike Southwick-



# Literacy Center

Our Fall/Winter ABC Session continues through the month of November and finishes up in December. Registration for Winter/Spring ABC Session opens on our website December 5.

Our Fall After-School Session will be ending this month and open registration for our Winter After-School Session will also be this month. Our Winter Session will begin December 5 & 6. Our ABC program is a kindergarten readiness program for 4 year old students who will be attending kindergarten next year. Classes are 2 hours twice a week either Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After-School programs offer free reading and math classes for Lehi students in K - 4th grade. Classes are 45 minutes twice a week either Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday. Class times are 3 p.m., 4 p.m., & 5 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

November 1 - No After-School Classes (Halloween) November 14 & 15 - Fall After-School Session Last Day November 21 & 22 - Winter After-School Session Open Registration (1:30 - 5:30 p.m.) November 23 & 24 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

> For updates and information visit: . www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/ www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter

### Library News

Download the Libby App- Free ebooks & audiobooks from your library! Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more from your local library for free! Libby is the library reading app by OverDrive, loved by millions of readers worldwide.

The Overdrive app will be phased out by the end of this year.

Download and begin using the Libby app today!
Use your Lehi Library card number to sign in.

There will be no programming November 21-30 Coming Soon: Join us for *Winter Puppet Shows* December 6th, 7th, and 8th. Registration required. Register on our website December 5th.

#### **November Closures**

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 23-Closing at 5 p.m.

November 24-27 - Closed for Thanksgiving holiday We had a fun Fright Night in October! A big THANK YOU to those that came and those that turned in Haunted Houses!

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. -8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come in and browse or use our curbside pick-up!

For more information, please visit our website

www.lehi-ut.gov/library

### Senior Center

#### **News & Updates:**

We will be closed and no meals will be served on Veterans Day on November 11, 2022.

#### **Weekly Classes:**

Monday: Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Advanced Watercolor 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Watercolor 9:30 a.m. Tuesday: Crochet Cub 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday: Bingo 11:30 a.m. Wednesday: Drawing 12:15 p.m. Friday: Line Dance 10 a.m. Friday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

#### Daily Lunches (Monday-Friday):

Meals available with required reservations. Call 385-201-1065 and leave a message. \$3 donation per meal is encouraged. Lunch served at noon.

#### **Special Events and Activities:**

**November 9**– BUNCO Bash 12:30 p.m. A fun, easy game with dice at the Senior Center.

**November 11-** Veteran's Day Senior Center Closed and no meals served this day.

**November 18**– Thanksgiving Luncheon Celebration. (Must sign up by Monday, November 14.) 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**November 21-** Monday Movie Mania 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

November 24-25— Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 2 — Birthday Celebration: cupcake or treat with lunch. Must sign up by December 1 to receive a meal and treat. \*Note the date change due to holidays.

Check out the Lehi Senior Center webpage online www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/seniors/ or visit our Facebook page @LehiSeniorCenter to see details about meals, events, and our newsletter.



### Lehi City November Events

11/10

Planning Commission 7 p.m. @ City Hall

11/11

**Veterans Day** 

11/15

City Council Meeting 7 p.m. @ City Hall

11/24

Thanksgiving
City offices will be closed.

## Power Department

If you are experiencing a power outage call 801.376.0681 or TEXT "out" to 85700. Our crews will be dispatched to the area to determine the cause and restore power as quickly as possible.

To OPT- IN to our text notifications text "lehi" to 85700. This will allow you to get text updates during an outage and will notify you of any planned outages in your area. You can update your information by calling us at 385.201.1000 or update using the Customer Information Form (Please allow 5 business days for the system to update your information)

# RECREATION NEWS

We have lots of exciting activities happening this Fall and Winter!

Don't miss out!

#### **WOMEN'S ON WEIGHTS CLASS**

This class will provide the proper guidelines that will target and improve total body strength. This course lasts for three months. In three months, you will be taught different training principles of strength training.

Sessions: January thru March.

Classes: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Lehi res. \$150: Non res. Fee: \$180



The Legacy Center offers an instructional class on the use of our equipment.

Classes: First Thursday of the month

Time: 6pm

Fee: Free for passholders; included in the daily fee for non-members.

Group meets on the mezzanine area next to the weight room.

#### **Programs Registering NOW!**

Babysitters Course, Gymnastics, Itty Bitty All Ball, Martial Arts, Preschool, Science Class, Swimming Lessons

#### **Programs Registering SOON!**

Adult Gun Safety Course, Art Class, Babysitters Course, Dance, Cheer, First Aid and CPR Course, Hunter Safety, Itty Bitty Basketball, Lego Class, Scrapbooking, Crafting and More

#### **Sports Registering SOON!**

Boys Baseball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Girls Softball, Indoor Soccer, Machine Pitch, Spring Outdoor Soccer, Spring Wrestling, T-Ball/Coach Pitch, Track & Field

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