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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Oodles of Tallieurs

By Pat Neylan

Oodles of Noodles seems to have gone well for the Society and the town. We had steady traffic in the museum all day on Saturday and pretty steady on Sunday too. The blacksmith demonstration was popular and young and old alike enjoyed having their initials branded onto a piece of wood by Don Bergstrom while master blacksmith Andy Sichak was training his apprentice, Elaine Bergstrom. Over the course of the weekend Elaine got pretty proficient at some of the basic techniques and I realized that blacksmithing was really hard work! A great big thank you to the docents who covered the museum all weekend and made it available for the visitors. Those dedicated folks were Gretchen Arndt, Vicki Kinney, Sheila Hodach, Carol McKim and a new member Marion Holten.

A special treat was the visit of Millie Moravec, a granddaughter of a Mr. Tallieur who was an early and long time resident of Dayton. This was Millie's second visit to Dayton in as many months. She lives in Anderson CA (near Redding) and traveled to see our museum and present us with some photos and other memorabilia from her family. Her gracious gifts have illuminated much about the Tallieur history and their place in Dayton. Her son Mike accompanied her on this trip and this was the first time he had been to Dayton and was excited about discovering some of his own history. Millie volunteers in a museum in Anderson and could not say enough about how great our museum was to see. Also, Millie is 90 years old so there is no excuse for everyone to say they're too old to help out!

Many of our visitors had never been to the museum before including the normal "lived here for years and never knew there was a museum" group. Whether the crowds are large or small it is always rewarding to expose new visitors to our history. All in all the weekend was a great success at the museum. Hope the rest of the event went well for the vendors and groups. On to Dayton Valley Days!!



A few weeks ago, a member of the pioneer Tailleir family, Millie Moravec and her friend Laurel Boeck, visited the Dayton Museum to donate family items. Pat and I helped them find the location of the Tailleir Ranch and found four different Tailleir family homes listed on the 1909 Dayton town map as well as the ranch location, about where the Santa Maria subdivision is today at the bottom of Dayton Hill. (Laura Tennant)

Jack Folmar and Pam Abercromie posed for this picture at a farewell reception that the HSDV held for Jack Folmar, the Society's long time docent, photographer and Dayton and Sutro historian. Look closely at the photograph Jack is holding and you will see Marilyn Monroe giving Jack a peck on the cheek. (Laura Tennant)



The roses are in bloom at the Dayton Museum, 135 Shady Lane, Old Town, Dayton. The Museum is open, 10 to 4 on Saturdays and 1 to 4 on Sundays. This summer's special displays include an old postcard display of Dayton, a handmade old tool and mummified desert animal display. Remember to buy the new, "Images of America - Dayton" history book that contains 221 photos and text about Dayton, where Nevada's first gold was discovered in 1849. (Laura Tennant)



Women of Diversity Productions interviewed women from every county in Nevada in 2014 for the state's sesquicentennial celebration. Videos are online with biographies that appear in the book "Nevada Women's Legacy: 150 Years of Excellence."

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Currently I'm President of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley (HSDV). I also served at its Secretary from 2004 through 2008 (5 years). HSDV is a self sustaining volunteer organization, established in 1987. We are currently celebrating our 27th year.

My husband Ken and I lived and worked in Reno for many years before moving to Dayton. While in Reno I was involved in the Reno Balloon Races, crewing for 15 years and serving as Secretary for the Great Reno Balloon Race Aeronauts. Since moving to Dayton I have been involved in volunteer activities including serving on the Dayton Area Regional Advisory Committee but my primary interest has been the Historical Society. I've been an active participant since I've arrived—helping to protect, preserve and promote Dayton area history, historic integrity, heritage and culture.

I guess my interest in history came to me naturally. I always knew my ancestors first arrived in America in 1635 and that I'm also a descendant of Samuel F.B. Morse (a noted artist and the father of the Morse Code). I've lived over half my life in Nevada, but I'm a third generation native northern Californian. Growing up everyone in my family was very interested in local history. As children I'm sure my sister and I visited every old cemetery in the Mother Lode, Redding, Chico, Stockton and Sacramento areas! That was in addition to going through lots of historic buildings (including the State Capital), which seemed like my Grandmother's favorite thing to do...and she knew everybody!

Now I find something ironic. When in College I wrote a term paper on Sutter's Mill and Coloma, California where their State's gold was discovered in 1848. Then we eventually moved to Dayton (from Reno) where Nevada's gold was discovered in 1849!

Local history is fascinating and is a wonderful reminder of an era most folks have forgotten—and younger folks can only imagine. Actually, between history and having been part of crews for hot air balloons, I'm hard pressed to know which I like best!