

Twin Falls County Historical Society Museum

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Living History Day!

May 2nd was a day of fun and learning at the Museum!

The grounds came alive with visitors of all ages, eager to learn how their ancestors lived in the “olden days.” Educational “stations” lined the backyard, each offering a unique experience.

The pavilion housed the laundry station run by Patti Hurley, Sherry Wells, and Lea Smith, where children could scrub, rinse, wring, and hang their “laundry.” The history of clothes cleaning methods and irons was displayed along with a clothespin doll-making activity.

Nearby, John Hurley had small model engines from the museum’s collection chugging away.

A full-sized hit or miss engine churned homemade ice cream provided by Jan Hedge.

Right next to the ice cream, the Down on the Farm 4H Club flexed their Dutch oven cooking skills with a variety of delicious cobblers.

Neil Harpster and Dave Burgess also offered a taste of Dutch oven cooking with sourdough bread loaves for sale.

Erica Urie and family operated the butter station, providing tasty samples and hands-on demonstrations of the butter churning process.

Pam Yates demonstrated wool spinning, explaining the progression of wool from sheep to yarn, and Melonie Schutte shared the endangered craft of furniture caning.

The Southern Idaho Muzzle Loader Association set up teepees and tents, educating visitors on the history of mountain men, trapping, furs, flintknapping, fire starting, and more.



Frank Glauner of the Southern Idaho Muzzle Loader Association offered guests a chance to shoot corks with his muzzleloader rifle at the museum’s Living History Day event, May 2nd.

You could also test your aim with a cork-firing rifle and tomahawk throw.

Fletch Miller, with the Historical Northwest Garrison, displayed his Civil War-era campsite and fired his rifle for curious visitors.

Orton Botanical Garden offered pollinator education and activities, and Gary Sipe invited families to try their hand at some of the museum's antique carpentry apparatuses at the tool station.

The game station tended by Dannah Robertson and Emily Haycock was a jumping place (literally!) with the young and young at heart playing hopscotch and croquet, jumping rope, and holding gunny sack races.

New and refreshed displays were added to the annex and main building in preparation for the event. Live demonstrations of the Baldwin player piano, Edison Diamond Disc phonograph, and other items inside the museum were also available.

We do not have an exact headcount, but we estimate that between 350 and 400 guests attended throughout the day!

The Historical Society would like to thank everyone who participated, contributed, and attended this event! Its success would not have been possible without you, and we cannot express enough how grateful we are to everyone who helped make this day possible!

A huge thank you to our demonstrators and volunteers: The Southern Idaho Muzzle Loader Association, Fletch Miller, Pam Yates, Melonie Schutte, Dave Burgess, Neil Harpster, Down on the Farm 4H Club, Deserae Orton and Orton Botanical Garden, Jan Hedge, Erica Urie and family, Kayden Urie, Holly Grimm and family, Taylor Grimm, Jorden Grimm, Patti and John Hurley, Sherry Wells, Dannah Robertson, Lea Smith, Tom Snow, Kevin Bradshaw, Jim and Adene Kimball, the Gregoire family, A.K, C.K., Daran Haycock, and Emily Haycock.

Another big thank you to PSI for providing portable restrooms free of cost, Electric One/Sean Knutz for letting us borrow their parking lot, Primary Therapy Source for donating souvenir bags, Al Herrin for designing the activity books and stickers, Erica Urie for donating crayons, and D.L. Evans Bank for donating the cost of printing the activity books and stickers.

Living History Day 2026



The Southern Idaho Muzzle Loader Association brought a variety of fun demonstrations. From furs and flintknapping to rifles and tomahawk throwing.





Down on the Farm 4H Club (left) served their delicious Dutch-oven cobbler. The perfect thing to pair with old-fashioned ice cream made by Jan Hedge (below)!

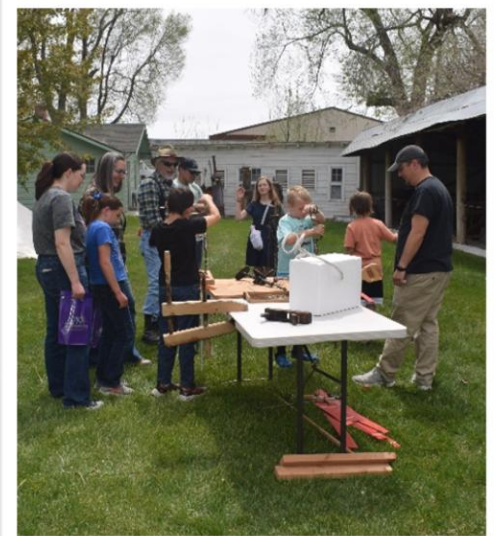


Fletch Miller with the Historical Northwest Garrison shared the history of the Civil War with period dress and rifle shooting.



Visitors could try their hand at tools from the "olden days" at the antique tool station ran by Gary Sipe.

Pam Yates demonstrated wool spinning.





John Hurley demonstrated model engines from the museum's collection.



Neil Harpster and Dave Burgess made and sold delicious Dutch oven sourdough bread, with the proceeds being donated to the museum.



Erica Urie provided hands-on demonstrations of butter churning and gave out samples.



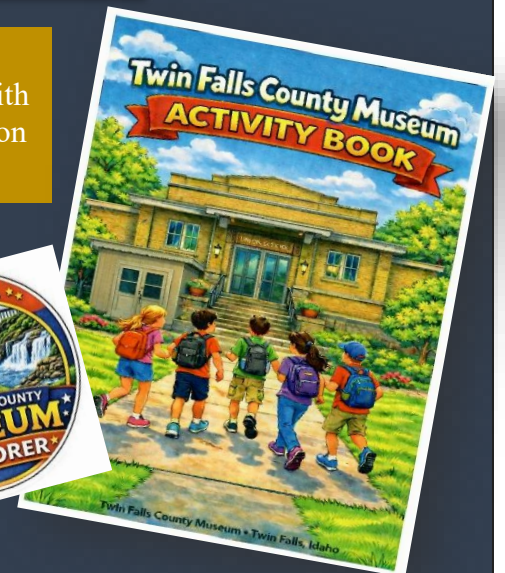
Melonie Schutte showed the process of furniture caning.



The laundry station run by Patti Hurley, Sherry Wells, and Lea Smith gave the children a new appreciation for modern clothes washing.

Souvenir bags included a new Museum Activity Book and Museum Explorer stickers created by Al Herrin and crayon packs donated by Erica Urie. Cost of printing generously donated by DL Evans Bank.

Not pictured: Orton Botanical Garden's Pollinator education table, water station tended by Holly Grimm and family, and games station run by Dannah Robertson and Emily Haycock.



Check our Facebook page for more photos from the day and a video recap made by Kevin Bradshaw!

TWIN FALLS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Tee Off for History Golf Tournament Fundraiser

**Entry Fee: \$350
per team of 4
To register scan code:**



**Thursday,
June 11, 2026**

Tee time: 8:00 AM



**Twin Falls
Municipal
Golf Course**

Join us on June 11th at Municipal Golf Course for our first-ever Golf Tournament Fundraiser!

This fun, community-driven golf tournament will have food, a silent auction, a raffle, and tee prizes! **Sponsorships include Gold - \$1,000** – sign at tee box, entry for team of four, advertising in print and online, **Silver - \$750** -sign at tee box, entry for team of four, and **Bronze - \$500** - sign at tee box. To register a team, use the QR code above or contact Teresa Sept at tasept@gmail.com to sponsor a tee box sign.

For more information on this event, visit our website: twinfallsmuseum.org or contact Jessica at 208-308-8438. Your sponsorship, donations, and participation help fund new signage to enhance our exhibits!

TWIN FALLS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Buy a Brick Fundraiser



New Additions:

**You can now order your brick
in an 8x8 size and add your
company logo or ranch brand!!**



Scan code

Order online through our website: twinfallsmuseum.org/bricks

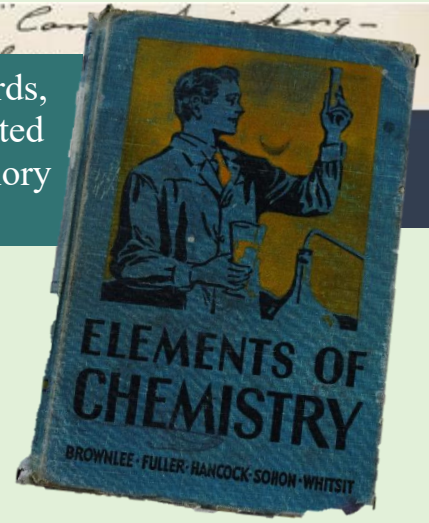
4x8 Brick \$100

8x8 Brick \$200

8x8 Brick w/ Logo \$300

Donations

Union School report cards, schoolbooks, etc., donated by Mike Tucker in memory of Dick Tucker



1920s/30s Dressing screen donated by Eileen Banzholzer



Vintage Kerr Canning Jars donated by James Humpherys in memory of Vaugh Humpherys



Railroad history books and artifacts, military items, etc. donated by Malena Rodriguez in memory of Simon Rodriguez

Wagon chassis donated by Pam Rebolo in memory of Adeline Diaz Rebolo



Antique tools donated by Ralph Jones in memory of Paul Brown



A Big Thank You to Virginia Reed for her generous monetary donation! Your support is greatly appreciated!