

***Pony Express rider, author tells
tales taken along the trail***

***Ron Bell, Nevada Pony Express Trail Association
vice president, livens up the Historical Society of
Dayton Valley's monthly lecture series on
Wednesday, March 19, at the Dayton Valley
Community Center, 170 Pike St. at 7 p.m.***

***No charge and the public is welcome.
Info: 775-246-4457 or 246-3527.***

A Silver Springs resident and president of the Chamber of Commerce, Ron has tales to tell, some of which you've probably never heard, about daring young male riders who made history flying high on horseback down the Pony Express Trail carrying mail between Sacramento and St. Louis, April 1860 to November 1861.

Called Nevada City, there was a station in Dayton on today's Main Street in 1861. A large portion of the station's hand-hewn gigantic rock wall remains adjacent to the Union Hotel. A National Pony Express granite marker erected across the street from the wall highlights its history.

A good friend of Larry McPherson, local favorite Pony Express expert who left us for emerald pastures last year, Ron got involved with The Pony when Larry needed help repairing the large metal sculpture of a Pony Express rider mounted atop his horse on a Mound House hillside.

A lifetime engineer, inventor and entrepreneur, after he met Larry, Ron's been so fascinated with The Pony that he published a book, *The Pony Express Rider*, last year. "You can find it on Amazon, the Ronnie Campbell series of three. My second one, *Ruby Gold*, is two-thirds finished," said Ron, always up to signing a copy for his fans.