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**Making his mark***Gunsmoke's Buck Taylor is inducted into Dodge City Trail of Fame*

By Rebecca Aistrup Gerber  
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When Buck Taylor made a guest appearance on the television series *Gunsmoke*, he had no idea it would land him a part on the show for the next eight years.

From 1967 to 1975 Taylor played Newly O'Brien on *Gunsmoke*, but prior to that he made a guest appearance as a young kid who got shot on the television series.

"They liked me (from that guest appearance) so much they decided to test me as Newly O'Brien, who was a gunsmith and U.S. Deputy Marshal," Taylor said. "Six months later, I was on the show."

And little did Taylor know that television series would keep bringing him back to acting in a variety of movies and television shows.

"I got involved with something that 30-plus years later has helped me with my career and art work," Taylor said.

On Saturday, Taylor made his mark on Dodge City by placing his hands in cement and signing his name at the intersection of *Gunsmoke Street* and *First Avenue*, near *Eisenhower Park*.

"This is a real honor," Taylor said in an interview prior to the induction. "If it wasn't for Dodge City, I would not have been in *Gunsmoke*. I am so flattered to be honored and be a part of this.

"I owe everything to *Gunsmoke*," he added. "It has changed my whole life in every way. I had know idea that I would still be associated with it."

While Taylor was honored to be in Dodge City -- a town which helped make him famous, he felt the *Trail of Fame* was important for the community.

"I feel this is something that has to be kept alive for this town," he said. "If it was not for this town, there would not have been a *Gunsmoke*."

Taylor said he got his start in acting from his father who was also an actor, *Dub Taylor*. But it wasn't acting in the beginning



*Rebecca Aistrup Gerber/Daily Globe*  
Buck Taylor signs his name in cement as part of the *Trail of Fame* ceremonies Saturday. Buck Taylor was not only honored by the *Trail of Fame* he was also the featured artist at the *Landmark National Bank Western Art Show*.

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that got Taylor's start in movies -- but instead as a stunt man.

Taylor has appeared in a variety of motion picture movies, television movies and television shows since Gunsmoke. Some of these include: Tombstone, Gettysburg, Sacketts, Conagher, Wild Wild West, Alamo, Gods and Generals, Jerico and Walker Texas Ranger. He will also be in a movie which is due to open this fall called Truce.

And while he has been in a lot of movies he also raises quarter horses, cattle and farms.

"I accept more (roles in movies) now than I use to," he said. "I like working in movies and will continue to do so. It is something that you never have to retire from. My dad always said, 'You don't get older, you just get better.'"

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