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NOVEMBER 2026

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet
Gary Smith





HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

December 3rd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE



Holiday Celebration

An evening of fun, music, cowboy poetry, storytelling and home-baked goodies. Pre-meeting no-host dinner at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant. Look for the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners group. Guests and the public welcome.











PERMAFROST ROAD BLUEGRASS BAND



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Editorial Comments
Lindsey Zimmerman

What a great time we all had at the last Campfire! It did start with some hiccups – Another group that was fixing to use the Hall had a buncha tables & chairs set up at the front of the Hall, so there was the need to remove them & move up some benches for our use. Our business meeting area was filled with tables full of donated coats, jackets, etc., so we held our meeting in the Hall. The gal who puts up the incredible trees at Christmas needed to be in there with all her trimmings to get to work early, because she was needing to get home to her 92 year-old dad for the holidays. Dave & I were removing and packing up the Library, but keeping some things to put on display for Campfire. Yikes! Busy, busy! Our business meeting went smoothly & well & we took good care of Corral business under the guidance of our new Sheriff, Bob K. All of our new officers are eager to get to work & looking forward to the New Year, hopefully, with a more expanded Corral as we try and get the word out to the community. I made Marlene's Pumpkin Bars & they were all gone! I hope everyone has a bountiful Thanksgiving -

You Tube & Last Campfire
Doug Hocking

Old but important news, the Order of the Indian Wars changed its name to the American Frontier History Association after learning that an obscure organization was already using OAW.

At the November Campfire Merle Kilpatrick spoke on Fairbank, Arizona's Forgotten Railroad Gateway. It was a good talk, well received by all. His lovely wife ran the video portion of the lecture. We all learned a lot & enjoyed interacting with the both of them. If you missed it, you can find it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/live/3eCLLSuAEaQ?si=tvSdio3porrVL8va



Bob Spahle read us a poem about Hushpuppy's (his daschund) - narrow escape – you will see said poem in Poetry Corner, and Doug Hocking, in One-Minute History, told the story of an 1895 train robbery at Stein's Pass in New Mexico.

Keeper of the Chips
Brenda Davis



Account Reconciled
64 Ranch Hands paid for 2026
As of October 29
Checking: $3126.49
Savings: $1022.19
Income: $467.00
Expenses: $740.73

Website Metrics:
www.CochiseCountyCorral.org
October:
Visitors 108, with 44 in last 7 days
108 Social Views, with 38 in the last 7 days

Recorder of Marks & Brands
Lindsey for Jean



- Last month's minutes were accepted and it was decided to compare each month's stats with the same month in the year before. (Number of Hands, Web visitors, Money, etc.)
- Doug H is going to be responsible for updating all year-end info onto our Corral's drive, which is kept in the Library cabinet.
- Doug also told us three more authors have signed up for next year's Festival of books.
- New nametags were discussed for next year. Making them larger was suggested & the Officers' tags will now have their positions noted on them.
- Both Lindsey and Ric's wife, Christine are working on designs for the posters & mugs for the 2027 Festival, but all members are welcome to contribute their ideas.
- Gary Smith told us about the upcoming speakers in Jan/Feb/Mar that he has lined up. **He would still like to be able to step down, so we need a volunteer!!**
- Steve Anderson donated another book on our wishlist! Thank you, Steve!!

Sheriff's Star
Lindsey for Bob K



Our Next Year's Slate of Officers was voted in. They are all excited about their new positions and are looking forward to doing a great job for the Corral. We also look forward to meeting more Ranch Hands and making them and visitors welcome.

I want to thank the people that marched in this year's Helldorado Parade, and to tell you that three members of our Corral were presenters during TTR.

We now have 20 authors signed up for the 2027 Festival of Western Books. Only 35 slots are available, so if you know someone who's dragging their feet, tell them to get their paperwork in!

If you have a design for the posters and mugs we need for the Festival, send them in! Mug designs should be 4 to 4.5 x 8 inches, and should be 72 to 300 dpi. We need that definition to have it print well. We need two sizes of posters 8.5x11 and 11x17, also 72 to 300 dpi. The aspect ratio has to be correct. An 8.5 x 11 poster cannot be stretched to 11 x17 without significant degradation (that means, it'll look really funny).

Our Faro Dealer Lindsey and her husband Dave packed up and removed the Library contents, cabinet and all. Dave is going to beef up the cabinet's integrity and put it on casters so we can roll it into the foyer for easy use. He's also placing grommets in our banner so it doesn't sag at parades. Lindsey is doing a comprehensive inventory listing & says the Library will be up and running in January.

Window Flyers & Brochures along with Corral Merchandise will be available in December. Help to build our membership! If you enjoy attending, others will too! We all can use new friends.

Don't forget to bring your poems and stories for our December Holiday Party, along with favorite dishes. Your poems and stories don't have to be western in nature or even about Christmas.

Membership Dues for 2027 are due by 12/31!
If you paid after October 1 you're covered.
6 Ranch Hands have already paid.

LOCAL NEWS

At the Oct 18th Helldorado Days Parade, we were honored to have the new "Heritage" B Troop squad right in front of us! Boy, were we thrilled to see them! They are now a private entity & would more than welcome your support and contributions, and look forward to seeing their fans far and wide in the future! They will be contacting us when they have their site up and running and provide more info.



Help us to keep our Ft Huachuca Museums by visiting!!

https://history.army.mil › Army-Museum-Enterprise › Find-an-Army-Museum › Fort-Huachuca-Museum-and-

-Admission is Free-

The Museum is closed on all federal holidays

The museum also has a really great gift shop!

The museum is located on an active military base.

For a gate pass, pull over to the right into the parking lot at either post entry before you hit the gatehouse & go inside with a picture ID. Directions to the Museums are clearly marked

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On October 20, 2026,

Chiricahua National Monument officially became Chiricahua National Park. That makes 64 national parks for the United States and the 4th for Arizona joining the Petrified Forest, Saguaro and the Grand Canyon.

Cochise County
Public Information Officer
Jane Weis·18 hr ago

⚠️ Arizona Department of Agriculture: ARIZONA DETECTS FIRST CONFIRMED CASE OF NEW WORLD SCREWWORM (NWS) IN COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA | 📰 FULL NEWS RELEASE: https://agriculture.az.gov/news/arizona-detects-first-confirmed-case-new-world-screwworm-nws-cochise-county-arizona 🔗 PHOENIX, Ariz. - On October 28, 2026, the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Arizona's index (first) case of New World screwworm (NWS). If any unusual wounds on animals are noticed that appear to be infested with maggots consistent with NWS, please report them immediately: diseasereporting@azda.gov or by calling 602-542-4293 during business hours 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday through Friday. Similarly, if hunters or other outdoor recreationists encounter wildlife that appear to be infested, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 623-236-7201. Please ensure that GPS coordinates of the approximate location of the wildlife are captured. Current information regarding the NWS situation in Arizona can be found here: https://agriculture.az.gov/divisions/animal-services/state-veterinarians-office/new-world-screwworm. COCHISE COUNTY MEDIA CONTACT: BARBARA LANG DIRECTOR, Cochise County Health and Social Services EMAIL: EPIDEMIOLOGY@COCHISE.AZ.GOV TELEPHONE: 520-432-9400



Telegrapher's Code & Events List



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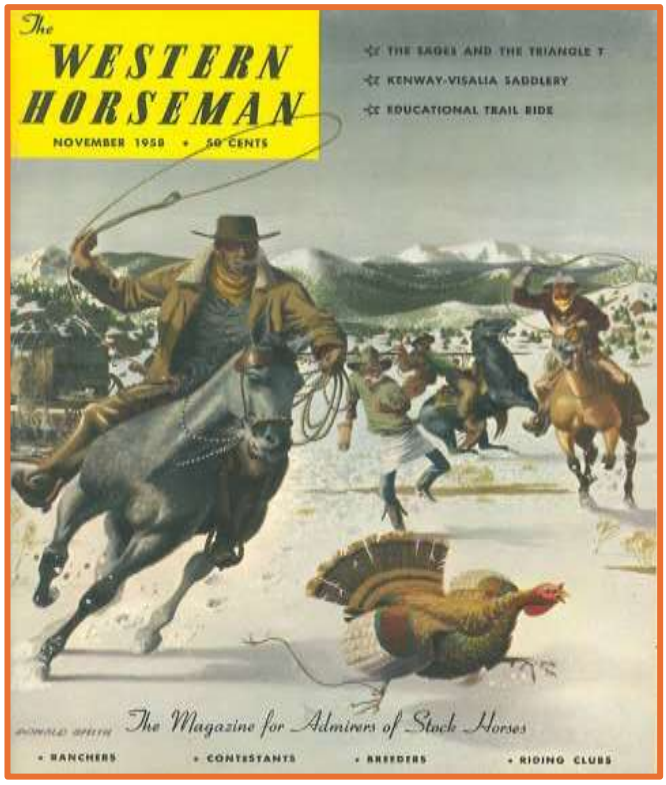
COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS
Website and how to get there:
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The *Fremont Street Mail* (monthly)
https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremontstreet-mail
The *Border Vidette* (quarterly)
https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-bordervidette
Scrapbook
https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook
Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral

PUEBLO FEAST DAYS

Pojoaque: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day – Dec 12 (505) 455-4500 pojoaque.org

For more info on Pueblo Feast Days & other Cultural Events: Indian Pueblo Cultural Ctr (505) 843-7270

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 11, 9 am VETERANS DAY PARADE & CEREMONY Fry Blvd & Veterans Pk, SV

November 12, The Truth About Geronimo, Noon, Jeff Haozous, Brown Bag Lunch, Willcox Theater

November 14, 11am - 12pm
Docent Led Tour of Empire Ranch
Reservations are Required by 5pm the day before the Tour Click here to make a reservation. Free.

November 14, 10am CORRAL TRAIL RIDE
Tombstone

November 14, 9am History Walk to Millville

November 17, 2pm Butterfield Overland Mail
Rio Rico Community Center

November 22, 12:30-3pm Vigilante Sunday,
Tombstone

November 27, 10-4pm Bisbee Home Tour

November 27, 5:30pm, Christmas Tree Lighting
Tombstone



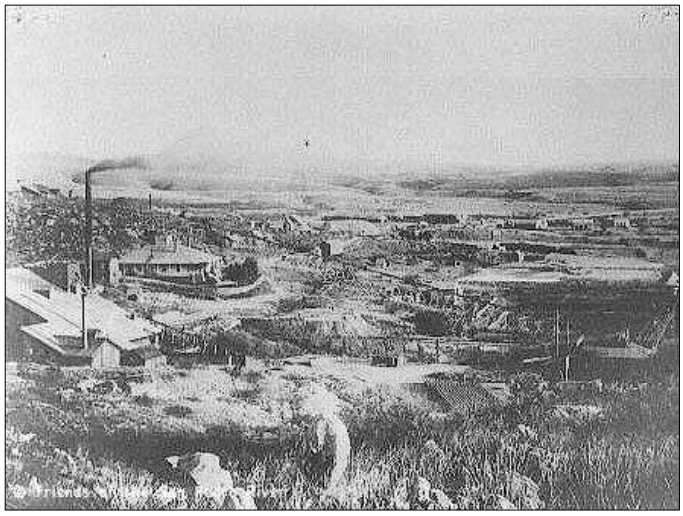
Join us for an adventure in nature as we hit the trails! Buffalo Corral offers guided trail rides every Thurs – Sun from 0900 - 1600. Registration Information Call (520) 533-5220 to sign up.



Wednesday, November 11th Marks the 31st Annual
Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony

The parade starts at 9 a.m. and will run along Fry Blvd from 7th Street to Jean Randle Way. Fry Blvd will be closed from 7th Street to Avenida Escuela from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A ceremony will be held in Veterans Memorial Park following the parade. To access the park for the ceremony, please use the north entrance.





November 14 - 9:00 am
History Walk to Millville & Petroglyph Discovery Trail

Take a tour of Millville, the location of several historic silver mills and a once thriving town, as well as an adjacent Indian rock art site, with an FSPR docent. The tour will focus on the history of mining and the mills which were active during the Tombstone silver boom.

This is about a 2 mile walk on an uneven dirt and gravel trail that crosses through a deep wash. There is no shade, and it will be hot on sunny days. Please realistically assess your ability to do this walk. Wear a hat, sun protection, appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes. Bring water and a snack.

Meet at the Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail parking area. This trailhead is located 7.5 miles east of Sierra Vista on Charleston Road. This is not the parking area right by the river: look for the fire danger level sign on the north side of Charleston Road at the entrance to the parking lot, about .5 mi east of the river.

Participants must sign a liability waiver before the walk starts. Meet by the vault toilet. This location is searchable as "Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail" in Google Maps.
For more information, call (520) 508-4445 or email fspr@sanpedroriver.org.
Hosted by the Friends of the San Pedro River

Corral Trail Ride
Bob S & Pam B

This year's first Trail Ride will take place right here in Tombstone!
Nov 14 at 10 am , Meet at the 6th St bathroom and parking lot.
Nancy Sosa , a previous Town Historian and 3rd generation resident, will take us on a WalkAbout Tour of Tombstone.
There will be an optional Rose Tree Museum tour for **$5 cash**. (Recommended to help support the museum and to view articles from the 1800's and purchase one of the many books on SW history available.)
Bring a picnic lunch & beverage on the walk to save a trip back to the car after the tour.
Rain cancels!

THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 26TH



Rio Rico Historical Society

We make history visible and accessible. Come & Visit our Museum

Butterfield Overland Mail Across
Chiricahua Apache Country1858-1861

Guest Speaker: Doug Hocking

Free and Open to the Public
General Membership Meeting
at the Rio Rico Community Center
391 Avenida Coatimundi, Rio Rico, AZ 85648



on November 17th at 2:00 PM

In 1858, the Butterfield Overland Mail carried the first transcontinental post from St. Louis (& Memphis) to San Francisco in under 25 days. The mail often went through despite raids by Confederates, Mexicans and Apaches. Spur Award winning Author, and historian, Doug Hocking will tell this fascinating story of determination, bravery, and guile.

Rio Rico Historical Society is a **501(C) 3 Non-Profit Organization** in Santa Cruz County, AZ
Email: info@rioricohistoricalsociety.org Website: rioricohistoricalsociety.org
Rio Rico History Museum: **1149 W. Frontage Rd. Rio Rico, AZ 85648** Phone: **520.394.7745**

Bisbee Home Tour & Art Auction

"Inside Treasures"

Nov 27-28, 2026

10 am - 4 pm



Tour ticket $20 good for both days

Visit homes in Old Bisbee, Warren, & Bakerville

Must be present to win auction art

Art Auction:
Serbian Hall
216 Park Avenue

Buy Tour Tickets
Bid on Art
Cash & Carry items
Basket Raffle
50/50 Raffle

Auction bids close 4:45 pm Saturday

www.bisbeewomansclub.com

Tour ticket sales start Oct 26

BWC

Vigilante Sundays

November 22 @ 12:30 - 3:00 pm
Downtown Tombstone

Tombstone's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

November 27 @ 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Downtown Tombstone



LETS STUFF THAT STAGECOACH!!!

Join our town in meeting at Allen & 5th St
At 5:30pm to enjoy hot cocoa and caroling
before the lights are lit at 6pm.

The Tombstone Chamber of Commerce and the City of Tombstone have partnered this holiday season to present a community toy drive, **"Stuff the Stagecoach"**. This drive is to provide presents to the children at **Santa in the Park.**

How You Can Help: Bring a smile to a child's face by donating unwrapped toys at our Stuff the Stagecoach event! The stagecoach will be parked at the Allen Street Christmas Tree on Friday, Nov 27th from 9am until after the Tree lighting ceremony – or drop off your donations at City Hall, 613 E Allen St or the Chamber at 109 S 4th St by December 4th.

A big thank you to Old Tombstone Tours for providing the stagecoach for this wonderful community initiative.

AFTER THIS EVENT: Join Santa in a walk-down to LIGHT UP THE CITY PARK hosted by Discover Tombstone!

POETRY CORNER



HUSHPUPPY'S FRIGHT

By Bob Spahle

Walking the yard the other day
I spotted a very strange sight
A red-tailed hawk was following us
And it started to give me fright.

You see I had my Datsun puppy with me
And she was having a sniffing good time
But that hawk was getting closer
And pretty soon he crossed a line.

Now Hushpuppy is no coward
She chases those cows all around
She might be small but pound for pound
She has the courage of a Russian wolfhound.

That hawk was flying high in the sky
And I knew that it was about to dive
I called out to Hushpuppy to run someplace to hide
'Cause I love that little puppy and wanted her to stay alive.

She got carried off by a coyote
when she was really small
My Lab came to the rescue
like it was no big thing at all.

You never know what's gonna happen
On the Walking Buzzard Ranch
But for now I don't want to give that hawk
Any second chance.



JIMMY WAS A BAD BOY

By Mark Finley

Jimmy was a bad boy, although his mother tried.
He wouldn't listen, mocked her when she cried.
She tried to teach him about the Christian way
And if he didn't make life right,
hell is how he'd pay.
He said, "Why try to find Jesus, he's no one around."
As he took her Bible and threw it on the ground.
Then at age twenty, in the dusty Tombstone town,
Jimmy got into a fight and shot a young man down.
The judge said, "Jimmy you're lucky that man didn't die
Or I'd put a rope around your neck and hang you high
So since you want to follow Satan, I'll give you a taste of hell.
You'll spend the next five years of your life in a Yuma prison cell.
Maybe you'll find you're not rotten down to your very core
Livin' within four adobe walls with iron bars for your door."
So, Jimmie left Tombstone for Yuma on the mornin' stage
He didn't know the temperature was 110 in his awaiting cage.
Prison life was hard shovelin' dirt beneath the hot Arizona sun
Workin' from daylight all day long until the day was done.
Days were at least 110 degrees as he felt his sweat pour.
Then try to sleep at night with temperature of 95 degrees or more.
When nighttime came there was nothing to break the solitude.
So Jimmy began to think maybe he should change his attitude.
His mother came to see him, but Jimmie's smile turned to a frown
When she gave him the same bible, he once threw on the ground.
He thanked his mother for coming but said he'd never accept that Christian way,
That there was no God, no Jesus, and don't expect to hear him pray.
But Jimmy had nothing else to do to pass the hours of the sweltering night.
So he began to read the torn and tattered pages by the full moon light.
He read the story about three men who stood in a fiery furnace for a spell.
And he thought that must have been the same place as a Yuma prison cell.
He read how a soul can spend life eternity in the fiery lake of hell,
But he didn't think that could be any worse than his Yuma prison cell.
With four more years to go and nothing else to do,
Jimmy read that bible several times through and through.
Those words lay heavy on his heart; he saw the error of his ways.
And hell was not where he wanted to spend his eternal days.
He fell to his knees and prayed, "Lord please save me from hell,
I've already had a big taste of that place in this Yuma prison cell."
So now Jimmy is a preacher and he serves the Lord very well
He finally found Jesus although it was in a Yuma prison cell.



OUT & ABOUT

October 17 – Tombstone Courthouse

The new movie short *According to Kate* written and produced by Chris Enss who will be our guest author at the Tombstone Festival of Books and directed and starring our German Ranch Hand Manuela Schneider premiered. It has already received several film awards.



Doc Holliday, Manuela Schneider, Chris Enss, Rod Timanus



October 17 – Camp Naco Unbelievable Borderlands Festival

Ranch Hands Brenda & Rod Davis, Pam Bouilly & Friends spent time at the Festival and were amazed at the amount of work that has taken place there.







Mostly videos were taken, so not many pics..

October 18 - Helldorado Days Parade
Ten members of our Corral marched in the parade behind our banner.



We held slot 25, and there were as many groups behind as before us. HUGE parade! **And, right in front of us, was the newly formed Heritage B Troop!!** (See Local News)
I could barely keep up with our bunch while thanking all Veterans, Law Enforcement working the event, folk in GREAT costumes who weren't even *in* the parade (even saluted back Teddy Roosevelt on a balcony!), horses, horses, horses pulling wagons, stages, and various other conveyances, plus decked out riders. There were Revolutionaries, Civil War Soldiers, Mountain Men, Cowboys & Girls, Bar Floozies, Law Men, lots of OK Corral wannabe's, a WWII Army Nurse, and Officer, Trucks, Cars & Bikes, Flags & Banners - even **The Lone Ranger**!



Mounted Lady Arizona Rangers On Duty



On October 22, Sheriff C. Gil Storms of the Tucson Corral led the **Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous.**





Ranch Hand James Becker spoke to TTR on the Curse of Johnny Behan.

On October 23, Ranch Hand Craig McEwan spoke at Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous on CS and Molly Fly as Witnesses to the Gunfight on Fremont Street Near the OK Corral. Craig showed up at the absolute last second, creating panic and concern that he might have been in an accident. Fortunately, no, he arrived and gave a good talk.



Through all three days of TTR, Sheriff Bob, Elaine & Debbie served the public at the Corral table selling mugs and signing up members. Note our new Corral table banner!



October 24, Ranch Hand Bill Cavaliere spoke on a Law Enforcement Approach to the OK Corral Gunfight.





True West Magazine publisher, Bob Boze Bell came to TTR on his Farewell Tour having sold *True West*.



On Halloween, Ranch Hands Doug and Debbie Hocking took a group of 20 from the New Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland Trail Assoc, braving rain, mud, and rocky roads to the Cooke's Springs Overland Mail Station and Fort Cummings. Cooke's Canyon was the scene of more Apache attacks than any other spot on the trail. As early as 900 AD, Mimbres Puebloans occupied a site near the spring.



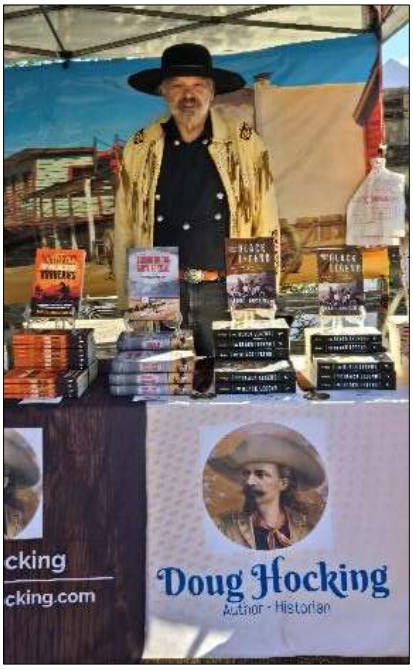


On November 7, Ranch hands Doug and Debbie Hocking and Debora Lewis and her daughter, Deborah, reached out to the public during **Empire Ranch Cowboy Festival.**





Meanwhile, still at the Ranch, Telegrapher Ric Simmons & wife Christine ran into a *19th century telegrapher*, Joe Mortimer.





EPITAPH

Doug Hocking

"Leslie's Luck," *Tombstone Weekly Epitaph*, 18 November 1882.

"Billy the Kid" Takes a Shot at "Buckskin Frank"

The Latter Promptly Replies, and the Former Quietly Turns His Toes Up to the Daisies.

Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock another tragedy was added to the already long list that have dotted with crimson the history of our city. The causes which led to the affray, as far as known, are fully detailed in the testimony elicited at the coroner's inquest. The survivor of the sad affair, Frank Leslie, or "Buckskin Frank," is well known throughout the county. William Claiborne, alias the "Kid," who precipitated the affray which led to his sudden and untimely taking off, has in the past gained considerable notoriety by his connection with desperate characters and participation in deeds of violence. He was arrested something over a year ago for the murder of Hicks, at Charleston, but upon being tried was acquitted. Whatever may have been his record in the past, there is no doubt that at the time he met his death he was engaged in an attempt at assassination, which was frustrated by the coolness and determination of his intended victim. Below we give the statement of Mr. Leslie concerning the unfortunate affair, which is fully corroborated by the testimony and verdict of the coroner's jury:

STATEMENT OF FRANK LESLIE.

I was talking with some friends in the oriental saloon when Claiborne came in and pushed his way in among us and began using very insulting language. I took him one side and said, "Billy don't interfere, those people are friends among themselves, and are not talking about politics at all, and don't want you about." He appeared quite put out and used rather bad and certainly very nasty language towards me. I told him that there was no use of him fighting me, that there was no occasion for it, and leaving him joined my friends. He came back again and began using exceedingly abusive language, when I again took him by the collar of his coat and led him away, telling him not to get mad, that it was for his own good, that if he acted in that manner he was liable to get in trouble. He pushed away from me, using very harsh language, and as he started away shook his finger at me and said, "That's all right Leslie, I'll get even on you," and went out of the saloon. In a short time a man came in and said there was a man waiting outside to shoot me, but I didn't pay much attention to it. A few minutes later another man came in looking quite white and said Claiborne was waiting outside with a rifle

TO SHOOT FRANK LESLIE

I then went out, and as I stepped on the sidewalk saw about a foot of a rifle barrel protruding from the end of the fruit stand. I stepped out in the street and saw it was Claiborne, and said "Billy, don't shoot, I don't want you to kill me, nor I don't want to have to shoot you." Almost before I finished he raised the gun and shot, and I returned the fire from my pistol, aiming at his breast. As soon as I shot I saw him double up and had my pistol cocked and aimed at him again when I saw, or thought I saw, another man by him, putting his hands around him, and I lowered the pistol, and when it was discharged the bullet went in the sidewalk. After I fired, I advanced upon him, but did not shoot, when he said, "Don't shoot again; I am killed," which I didn't but watched him, with my pistol at full cock, as I didn't know what game he might play to get me off my guard. At that moment Officer Coyle came up and took hold of my pistol hand. I told him to be careful, as it was at full cock. I then uncocked it and gave it to him, and said I would go with him. I told him I was sorry; that I might have done more, but I couldn't do less. He then placed me under arrest.
Coroner Matthews impaneled a jury, which met at 1 o'clock p.m. at Ritter's undertaking rooms, and the following testimony concerning the killing was elicited: [Coroner's report goes on for pages]

DEEP THOUGHTS ON HISTORY



Doug Hocking

Statistics are useful as long as one understands what they are and their place in understanding events. There are those who lie with statistics and those who misrepresent by not understanding their nature. Let us dispense with the higher math required to compute standard deviation from the normal curve and understand that the result is an estimate that allows the computation of the fractional value of the chance that this measure is meaningless. Don't misunderstand, that is not to say the standard deviation and its computation are meaningless. It is computing the odds that an observed departure from the norm stands a 10%, 1%, or .0005% chance of being meaningful. The nature of that meaning is yet to be determined. Many go wrong by imputing a particular meaning to the deviation.

For this we have to go back to scientific analysis. Science is not the search for proof, which as far as I know only exists in geometry and law where it only amounts to "strong probability," nor for truth which is the realm of theology and philosophy. Science is the search for a theory that has not yet been disproven. All science is theory. Law is the realm of engineers who rely on strong probabilities that a theory not yet disproven will produce a workable model.

Science is also the search for useful models. No matter how hard we try, the theory or model is not the thing. Many models work revealing different aspects of the thing but none are the thing itself and fail in some respect and thus can be disproven.

Science has four basic axioms. A theory must be testable. A hypothesis is a theory that can't be tested and therefore, while it may be a start, presented alone, is of dubious use. Think of archaeology where scientific tools are used to measure but meaning and interpretation are left to untestable hypotheses. Every archaeologist in every culture area presents an entirely different hypothesis concerning the past.
It's the past. How can we test it? We can test it by framing the hypothesis so that it can be tested in this manner: if this is true, what else must be true? I try to use this approach in writing history. Evaluating the actualness of events, I look for what else must be present for this to be accurate.

The second element in science is that the test must be repeatable. Third, the result must be empirical. That means that we can all see it. If I tell you that I am really a cat, I feel like a cat and I want surgery and tattoos to make me more like a cat, you should know that my feelings are entirely unscientific as you cannot see them, feel them, touch them, or measure them in any way that can be seen by others, therefore they are not empirical. Remember that the next time someone tells you their feelings are scientific.

Lastly, or fourth, if more than one theory covers all the evidence, apply Occam's Razor, the most elegant theory is best. In Galileo's time there was a workable earth-centric model of the universe. The math was incredibly complex and had a lot of exceptions, but it worked and predicted the movement of the spheres! Galileo's solar-centric theory was much less complex.

Here's the kicker that folks tend to misunderstand: Galileo's theory after having been tested successfully for hundreds of years has been disproven! That's right, it worked until a better theory replaced it. Some of this was fine tuning. Some came down to better understandings of gravity accounting for perturbations in celestial mechanics. The theory was tested and tested and was good until it failed and something better came along.

Some talk of standing on the shoulders of the giant scientists of the past. We do that, fine tuning their work. But sometimes scientists, instead of standing on the shoulders of giants, kick them out of the way entirely in a paradigm shift, an entirely different way of approaching the problem. We saw this with the Einsteinian model of the universe

where if one knew all the laws of motion and the position of every particle in the universe, all future outcomes were entirely predictable, like the movement balls on a billiard table. This was replaced by the quantum mechanics view of the universe where outcomes are only statistically predictable. Einstein railed against it saying, "God would never have created a sloppy statistical universe!"

As Einstein predicted, things still go bang when unstable atoms approach each other, but now we're trying to account for some of the anomalies measured. That is the beauty of science. Theories are tested until they fail and something better comes along. Ultimately, all science is not finished, it consists of theories that have not yet failed, or if they have in some small way, not yet been replaced by something better.

This is where we have to go to make sense of statistics. We need a testably theory. This means remembering always that correlation is not causation. Correlation means that a percentage of the time when one thing happens, another happens as well. For instance, the sun came up and someone woke from sleep. This statement has a statistically measurable rate of occurrence but there is no link to causality. Ah, you say, but the sunlight woke him. This statement can be turned into a testable theory. We would need to predict how often statistically the sunlight woke the sleeper and account for those occasions when it didn't.

During World War II, in the South Pacific, cases of combat fatigue, sometimes referred to as madness, and today called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD, went up markedly during and after the full moon. This must have been proof that looking at the full moon over your left shoulder caused lunacy or madness. That's why it's called lunacy from luna, the Latin for moon. Then someone remembered that the Japanese were bombing by the light of the full moon. Correlation is not causation.

A second aspect of the proper use of statistics is to realized that tests should be unobtrusive. This rules out polling. Constructed, questionnaire tests, no matter how hard the framers try to make them otherwise, are inherently biased. People try to please with their answers so that how questions are phrased leads to predictable answers. Some people avoid polling, thus excluding their opinions. The questionnaire format provides only certain answers as correct. Other opinions are excluded.

So, what we want are statistics based on the normal patterns of behavior followed by people unaware that they are being tested. There's plenty of this out there. This will produce correlations not causation. It still must be framed as theory and tested.

This leads us to people not understanding the nature of the population they are testing. Suppose we have a new epidemic and have only just come out with a limited amount of testing equipment. We want to know who has the disease so we provide them with the limited medical resources appropriate to their care. So, we only test those so seriously effected that they are already in the hospital. And then we announce that this disease has an alarmingly high mortality rate and apply this to the whole population. But, the whole population was not tested, not even a random sample of the population as a whole. We tested people who were at or near death's door and so, we got a very high death rate that did not apply beyond the hospital.

Occasionally we are told the poverty rate is increasing. If the poverty level is defined as family income of less than $20,000 per year and we lower the measure to $16,000, the poverty rate instantly increases drastically. We have to be measuring the same thing each time or the statistic is meaningless. A few years ago, we were told that the rate of PTSD among our soldiers had vastly increased during the various Mid-East wars. What they forgot to tell you was that the standard of what counted as PTSD had been markedly

lowered. Not to mention that we lacked generals who slapped soldiers, called them cowards, and told them to get back into the line. My point is that what was once considered cowardice is now medically acceptable. This changes how soldiers behave. We even had one California Congressperson who claimed that PTSD was something entirely new. I suppose it was an entirely new designation for shell shock.

I enjoy statistics because I know the questions to ask about how the statistics were collected and how they were evaluated. Consequently, it is very difficult to fool me with poor use of statistics. Not all statistics are lies and one can learn to detect which ones are being misused.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Doug Hocking

The intrusion of miners into traditional Chiricahua Apache country, including their "reservation" near Fort Webster in the Mimbres Valley, and the excesses of the miners, ranchers, and farmers, including James Tevis and Sherrod Hunter, started a war with the Apache in 1860. The Bascom Affair came a year later. DH

"Indian Depredations," *Tri-Weekly Missouri Republican*, 5 June 1860

Correspondence of the *Republican*
Mesilla, Arizona Territory
Tuesday Morning, May 22d, 1860
An express, just in from the Rio Mimbres, reports that a pack train of twenty-four mules, heavily loaded with "panocha," or Mexican sugar, from Sonora, was attacked by the Apaches, near the Hanover Copper Mines, worked by Messrs. Hinkle and Thibault, on the morning of the 20th - five person killed, and the whole train captured. The same Indians have also succeeded in stealing all the mules from Ewell Station, Overland Mail Company, as well as from Dragoon Springs Station.
Information was conveyed to the station keeper of the Apache Pass Station by a friendly Indian, that it was the intention of the Indians to "clean out" that station. A party of six Apaches came into the little town of "La Picatecho," [Picacho, NM,] five miles from this place [Mesilla], upon the Overland Mail route, last night and succeeded in stealing several horses and mules, in all some sixteen head. A party of twenty-five persons started on the 19th, to the assistance of the families residing upon the Rio Mimbres. A much larger force would have gone, but it is utterly impossible to obtain horses, as the Apaches have completely cleaned out rancheros of this stock.
Our whole country is alive with Indians. Outrage upon outrage is committed with perfect impunity, and at a time when our citizens cannot get stock to follow the rascals, and besides are busily engaged in planting. Fort Fillmore is garrisoned, I am informed, by ten sick men - not a horse for service in the post Application was made for rations for the volunteers who have gone out, to Lieut. Whistler, commanding officer, which was refused. The nearest post in the Territory is some two hundred and fifty miles distant, and Fort Fillmore, our only refuge, is ordered to be broken up. This state of things will, in a short time, completely break up our settlements here. Yet we are powerless, and must submit to the "caprice" of an incompetent Secretary of War.
Why he has seen fit to issue orders removing all the Government troops from this portion of Arizona, and abandoning our beautiful valley to savages, God only knows. Yet such is the fact. The Overland is without any protection whatever - its stations liable to be broken up, its stock stolen, and the only benefit we have ever derived from our Government, stopped. But the stage is here, and I must close. In great haste.

A TRIBUTE TO DOLLY

Lindsey Zimmerman

Without a doubt, Dolly Parton is one of the most beloved and influential women of our times. Just as for many decades, Elizabeth, Queen of England, was a woman who was a steady and stabilizing icon for not only her own country, but for the entire world, embodying duty to her people, love of country, grace and purity of spirit, and above all deep abiding love, freely shared and reaching millions worldwide who looked to her.

Through Dolly's amazing gifts, bottomless and everflowing gifts of song after song after wondrous song – the largest number of which resonated with millions upon millions of people's hearts, she won the love and admiration of people from all walks of life and cultures. She was never above us, she was always with us. She helped us to believe that everything was possible for everyone.

Very few people throughout mankind's history have ever done so. Dolly is unquestionably one of them, and we return her love.

Many of us have yet to really deal with the loss, and a very real loss she is to all of us, and to the rest of the world. I believe that she will remain a most treasured Guardian Angel for many, and will never be truly gone from the world for quite some time.

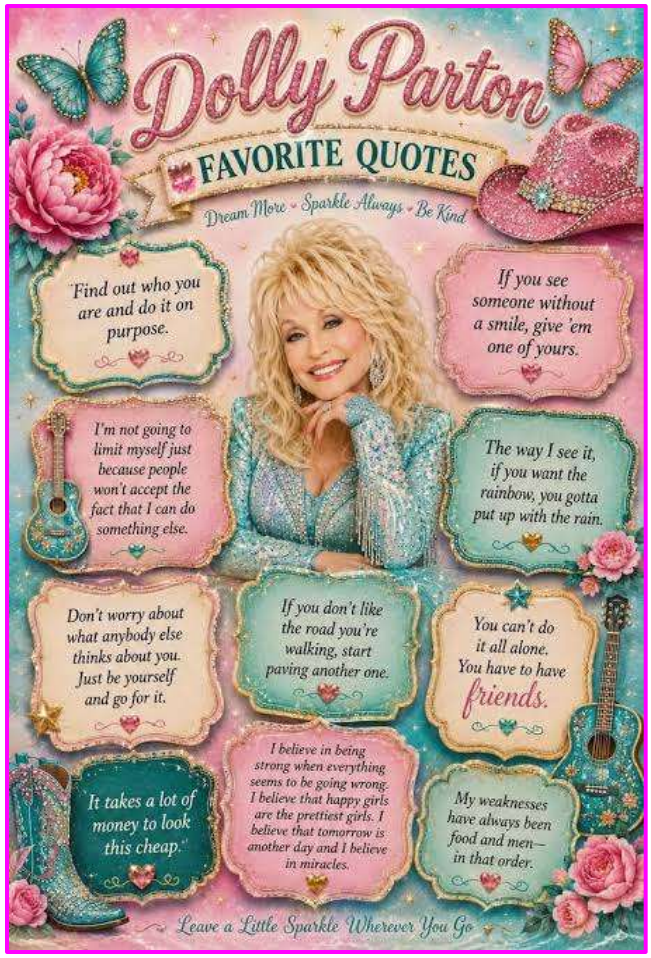
Dolly is one of the finest examples of what a person in a free country – free to be herself, free to believe as she wished, and free to be accepted for who and what she was - can achieve throughout a lifetime, and while doing so, helped and enriched so many other people's lives and helped to raise many of them from ignorance and poverty.

God did bless you, Dolly, along with all of us who got to live in your time. We will never be able to replace you, and we will be singing and humming and playing your songs for many decades to come. Our president knew is his own heart that our nation's flag should be lowered in tribute to you and all you did for us and the world.

God Bless You, Dolly,
and God Bless the U.S.A.








A Complete List of
Dolly Parton's
Movies
Her Amazing Journey on the Big Screen
Movies Starring Dolly Parton
9 to 5 (1980)
The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (1982)
Best Friends (1982)
Straight Talk (1992)
For the Love of Dolly (1999)
Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors (2016)
Dolly Parton's Heartstrings (2019)
Christmas on the Square (2020)
Run, Rose, Run (2022)
Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas (2022)
A Holly Dolly Christmas (2023)
Movies She Has Appeared In
The Con Artists (1974)
Joyful Noise (2012)
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (2014) – Voice
Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors – TV Movie (2015)
Heist (2015)
The Little Big Town (2018)
King of the Hill (Animated – Voice)
The Happytime Murders (2018)
American Masters: Dolly Parton (2020) – Documentary (Film)
Dolly
Queen of Country & Cinema
Dolly Parton — A True Legend
"Dream More. Shine Brighter."
Dolly Parton





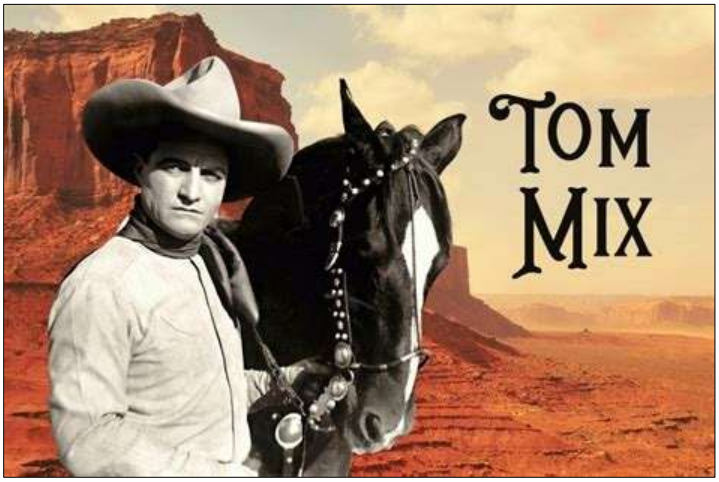

HEAVEN
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Johnny Cash
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George Jones
Waylon Jennings
Kris Kristofferson
Conway Twitty
David Allan Coe
Tammy Wynette
Patsy Cline
June Carter Cash
Naomi Judd
Dottie West
Mindy McCready
You were deeply loved here
for the light you shared,
the joy you gave, and the hearts you touched.
But Heaven has always been your home,
where your music, your kindness,
and your beautiful soul will
shine forever.
You are home now—

PLACES TO VISIT

Lindsey Zimmerman

FLORENCE, ARIZONA

Arizona tips its cowboy hat to Tom Mix, a Western film superstar a century ago, with a stone monument along a quiet stretch of State Route 79 about 17 miles south of Florence.
The roadside memorial with a metal silhouette of Mix's steed – Tony the Wonder Horse – is near the spot in 1940 where the silent-film actor crashed and died in his era's supercar, a 1937 Cord 812 Phaeton.





The Arizona Department of Transportation rest stop along the 42-mile Pinal Pioneer Parkway includes ramadas, picnic tables, an informal display and marker.
Travelers stop near milepost 116 to pay their respects to an actor and trick rider who made close to 300 films from 1909 to 1935 and was paid as much as $17,000 per week. Hollywood portrayed Mix as an upstanding cowboy, with flashy Western garb and a signature Stetson. He became the standard for the Western heroes who followed him.
Next stop on SR 79 heading to Florence is the

St Anthony's Monastery.



In the summer of 1995 six monks arrived in the southern Arizona desert to establish St. Anthony's Monastery, carrying with them the sacred, millennial heritage of the Holy Mountain, Athos. Since early Christian history, this steep and rocky peninsula in northern Greece proved to be a haven for ancient Egyptian, Cappadocian, and Constantinopolitan monastics. Thus, it enjoyed a direct link with the greatest monastic establishments of ancient Christianity, preserving intact the wisdom of the holy fathers and the sacred tradition of the ancient Church. https://stanthonysmonastery.org/
Once on their site, go to the Day Visitor's Guide.
If you would like to stay overnight, please see the Pilgrim's Guide.



In Florence, the Pinal County Historical Museum has a display with more Tom Mix information.

pinal county historical museum

Discover The history of Florence, Pinal County &Arizona. Est. in 1958, the Museum is the oldest historical organization in Pinal County. We preserve the fascinating history of Florence and Pinal County through exhibitions and educational programming. Our museum houses a diverse research collection, providing opportunities for academic and community-based research. Our collections are the backbone for exhibitions, programs, and events.



Starting in Nov, the Museum will have a monthly Speaker Series. Click the Museum icon for further info on hours and location.

Some favorite stops of mine in town are:

The True Value Hardware on Main St

The Mount Athos Greek Restaurant

https://www.mountathoscafe.com



The link below will show you lots of things interesting about Florence, whose entire downtown is on the list of Historical Places.
florenceaz.gov

Late info for November Coming Events:



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Dec 4,5,11,12

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Contact Ric, our Telegrapher about a lecture in Patagonia about the 1887 Earthquake. No details at this time.
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