

# FREMONT STREET MAIL



**November 11, 2025**

## **Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith**

**December 4 – Holiday Celebration Extravaganza** an evening of fun, music, cowboy poetry, storytelling and home-baked goodies. Bring goodies and share sotes and Cowboy poetry. There will be an awards ceremony with the presentation of awards from Westerners International and the Will Rogers Medallion Foundation. Permafrost Road will perform Blue Grass and Western.



There will be an optional no host pre-meeting dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant on Allen Street. The public and guests are welcome.

**January 1, No Meeting. Happy New Year**

**February 5**, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall, Bill Gillespie will present "Camp Rucker." Camp Rucker was a remote army post in the

Chiricahua Mountains established during the Apache Wars in the late 1870s. Events there may have sparked the feud between the McLaurys and the Earps. Learn the roll of this post in military campaigns. Bill Gillespie is a retired Forest Service archaeologist.



**March 5 - "The History of Lowell"** by Mike Anderson

**April 2 - "Geography and Politics in New Mexico and Arizona Economic Ties, 1750-1870"** by Dawn Santiago

**May 7 – "Murder Spree: The Tragic Lives of Mark and Effie Lamb"** by Craig McEwan

## **Recorder of Marks & Brands Jean Smith**

**2026 Dues Are Due!  
Please pay by December 4**

Dues are \$20. Make check out to Cochise County Corral of the Westerners. The Membership form is the last page of *Fremont Street Mail*. Send checks to PO Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638. Better still, come to the Christmas Extravaganza!

### Will Rogers Medallion Award Presentation

The folks who won the Will Rogers Medallion for Cowboy Poetry will receive their awards at the December Campfire. So will those receiving awards from Westerners International.

### Hot Iron Available on Amazon

Hot Iron is available on Amazon for \$16. We'll have copies available at the November Campfire and contributing authors can get as many as they like for only \$10! Get yours in time for Christmas!

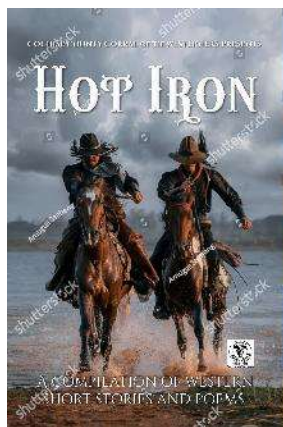
### Tombstone Festival of Western Books

**Anne Hillerman** will be our **Guest Author**. Anne continues her father's series of mysteries involving Navajo Tribal police, Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito.

Registration is open and the forms are available near the end of Fremont Street Mail and on our website. Write to [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) to have copies emailed to you.

*Be sure to invite your favorite local author.*

Carol Markstrom, Jan Cleere, Janelle



Molony, Elizabeth Ajamie-Boyer, Mark Sankey and the Gang at Mescal, Thadd Turner, Matt Bernstein, Joe Brown, Melody Groves, Kellen Cutsforth, and Bill Markley

have already signed up or let us know they're coming.

The bluegrass-western fusion band **Permafrost Road** will be playing at the Christmas Campfire. We'll be buying dinner for all five of them. (Hope they don't have the Prime Rib or Maine Lobster!)

### Invite your friends

Last page of *Fremont Street Mail* has a membership application with address to send in dues. Invite your friends to attend and join. The address is:

Cochise County Corral Westerners  
P.O. Box 393  
Tombstone, AZ 85638

### Keeper of the Chips Debora Lewis

Ranch Hands 65 with 57 active for 2025.

Checking	\$2640.08
Savings	\$1,021.67

September/October Income: \$367.34  
September/October Expenses: \$683.06

### Website:

CochiseCountyCorral.org

As of November 6:

Visitors 2,048 151 in last 30 days

Social 1,126 95 in last 30 days

### Trail Boss's Whip Bob Spahle

In January we'll tag along with the New Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland Mail National Historic Trail Association to Stein's (pronounced steens) Peak Station.

### Stein's Peak Overland Mail Station

Meet at **Stein's Pass Ghost Town**, Exit 3, I-10, New Mexico

**10 a.m., Saturday, January 10, 2026**

*(We'd normally meet and get coffee and breakfast at a nearby restaurant, but there's nothing available in Lordsburg anymore; we will wait until 10:30 before proceeding)*

This is the best preserved of the Overland Mail Stations in New Mexico with an exiting history at the mouth of Doubtful Canyon.

Nine miles north of the Interstate on good, dirt road.

Strong suspension and high clearance advised. Site is on private property.

Going on to JJ Giddings grave involves driving up a wash bottom, 4WD advised.

Bring:

- Water, at least 2 quarts per person
- Picnic lunch
- Hat
- Walking stick
- Strong Shoes

The station is ¼ mile from the road across a deep, wide wash. The climb down can be difficult, although short.

Chapter of the Butterfield Overland Mail National Historic Trail Association.

The Overland Mail was the United States' first transcontinental mail service running 1,900 miles from St. Louis, MO, to San Francisco, CA, in a mere 25 days. The Celerity Wagon with canvas top and sides ran 24 hours per day at about 6 miles per hour stopping to change mules every 15 to 25 miles. It's an exciting piece of history and the scene of a number of exciting stories.



Later in the year, we'll travel to Camp Naco which is on the southern border and was home to Buffalo Soldiers during the Mexican Revolution.

**Sheriff's Star**  
**Sheriff Liz Severn**

Thank you, Bob Kleinschmidt, for agreeing to be our Deputy Sheriff for 2026. The officers, who were elected by unanimous vote, are:

- Sheriff – Liz Severn
- Deputy Sheriff – Bob Kleinschmidt
- Recorder of Marks & Brands – Jean Smith
- Keeper of the Chips – Debora Lewis
- Corral Rep – Debbie Hocking
- Inkslinger – Doug Hocking
- Statutory Agent – Doug Hocking



Round Up Foreman – Gary Smith  
Trail Boss – Bob Spahle

The following volunteer positions are empty as of now. If anyone would like to offer their services for these jobs, please notify me at [ljsevern@gmail.com](mailto:ljsevern@gmail.com).

Faro Dealer (Librarian) – Gives book and journal reports at the general meeting, makes library materials available to Ranch Hands.

Telegrapher – Does Facebook postings and shares, keeps abreast of local coming events to present at meetings and keeps it current

Printer's Devil – We have a volunteer to help with our publications as soon as she gets her computer working.

All positions are important. It's a way to give back and participate in the work of keeping our Western Frontier History alive and fun.

December 4th is our annual Christmas party. We will have a bluegrass band performing this year, as well as poetry and readings from our members. I also have a few awards to hand out to winners of the Westerners International and the Will Roger Medallion awards. Don't forget to bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share. We want to fill everybody up with good times before sending you home for the holidays.

**Deep Thoughts on History**  
**Doug Hocking**

Although I seldom agree with Bill Maher on very much, he did a fine video on Presentism and I encourage you to watch it.

<https://youtube/i34IrF3C4f0?si=0sEnwsvlxIIh00v7>

I haven't heard the term used quite this way before but the concept is old among historians who often refer to anachronism and anachronistic thinking, misplacing concepts and tools out of time. It is all too easy to assume that what is today always was. Even those steeped in history tend to extend concepts from one period into another.

As historians, we are taught not to assume that our views and values apply to people from the past. We are taught not to judge the past by present values. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington owned slaves but so had every society in the world as far back as we have evidence. Some were a little crueler with slave-killing conditions, some a little more kind, by our standards, allowing for eventual freedom. All arrangements were shaped by their circumstances and economic needs. Washington and Jefferson were among the first to recognize that slavery was just wrong and that their freedom depended on the freedom those around them. If men could be enslaved, so could they.

Did they immediately act on this knowledge? No, they were men of their own times hemmed in by laws and the opinion of neighbors, as well as, by the fact that a considerable portion of their wealth was tied up in slaves and even if these had been freed, their remaining wealth was dependent on having laborers to work their plantations. Faced with economic ruin, how many folks make the ethical decision? Would you? They were men. They had feet of clay. They did conceive of something better. There was greatness in them and in what they created and that should be respected.

We used to teach American Exceptionalism and still should. Any study of the nineteenth century will soon show that American republicanism and religious tolerance led the

way for a world then ruled by hereditary monarchs. Was America always perfect, always tolerant? Of course not. It's people were still humans and made plenty of mistakes. However, judged by their present, by their times, the people of the nineteenth century United States were a shining beacon to the world.

### **TOMBSTONE EPIGRAPH & ARIZONIAN**

*Grant Wheeler and Joe George rob the train at Willcox and blow the express car sky high scattering pesos all over the playa.*

*Tombstone Epitaph*, 3 February 1895.

San Francisco, Jan. 31, 1895.

To United States marshals, sheriffs and constables of Arizona and New Mexico.

Southern Pacific passenger train No. 20, leaving Willcox, Arizona, on the evening of the thirtieth, at about 8:35 p.m., was held up two miles west of that point, the mail and express cut off and run to about five miles west of Willcox where the safe of Wells, Fargo & Co. was blown open and robbed and the roof of express car damaged. It is thought that the following persons were concerned in the robbery.

Joe George -- about five feet eight or nine inches high, very slim, very dark and swarthy complexion, forefinger off right hand, 30 to 35 years old, weight 140 pounds.

Jim Yates -- slim, dark complexion, about five feet nine inches high, 28 or 30 years of age, has very small sandy mustache, weight 145 to 150 pounds.

Grant Wheeler - about five feet seven inches high, dark complexion, dark eyes, weight 145 pounds, 30 or 35 years of age.

Mart Taylor -- small man with lame leg.

John Woods -- a tall man, light complexion, about six feet, weight about 180 pounds.

Yates is from the Indian territory. Joe George is from Oklahoma and has been in the territory about one year. These men have been stopping at Rucker, or Mulberry ranch, about fifty miles in a southern direction from Willcox. They have not been employed for at least two months.

In addition to the standing reward offered by Wells, Fargo & Co., of three hundred dollars, the Southern Pacific company offer an additional reward of two hundred dollars, making a total of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of each of the parties connected with the above described robbery. Further information can be obtained from the undersigned, or from Mr. E.M. Cooper, general manager of Wells, Fargo & Co., or of Mr. J.S. Noble, division superintendent of Southern Pacific, of Tucson, Arizona.

J.A. Filmore  
Gen. Supt.

### **Poetry Corner**

#### **RAIN**

By Mark Finley

Awakening this Sunday morn  
I praise God that Christ was born.  
Then I go out my back door  
To the barn to do my chore.  
As I feed my horse a bucket of grain  
I detect the smell of fresh rain.  
As I check my horse's hoof,  
The rain drips from the barn roof.  
I see small puddles on the ground.  
Land once dry and sunbaked brown  
Yields to grass greening across the range.  
Things in this world will surely change.  
But through it all one thing will remain  
God's gift to earth, a gentle rain.

## Hollywood Trivia

At Dennis “Nevada” Smith’s funeral, per his request, we sang Happy Trails by Roy Rogers & Dale Evans. Some of you may know that his jeep was named Nelly Belle:

Happy Trails to you, until we meet again.

Happy trails to you, keep smilin’ until then.

Who cares about the clouds when we’re together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you ‘till we meet again.  
Some trails are happy ones, others are blue.

It’s the way you tide the trail that counts.

Here’s a happy one for you.

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.

Happy trails to you, keep smilin’ until then.

Who cares about the clouds when we’re together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you ‘till we meet again.

While Debbie and I were signing books at Boothill during Helldorado, friend Peter Sherayko who played “Texas Jack” Vermillion in the 1993 movie Tombstone stopped by to visit. He’s done so much more performing stunts, keeping westerns alive,

and providing stock and western gear to film crews.

I’m afraid I disappointed him and this is by way of apology. I told him I liked the *Brisco*



*County Junior* TV series. Apparently, I was almost alone in this as it only lasted one season. It was Steampunk in the tradition of *Wild Wild West* (Robert Conrad). Peter was appalled. “They got everything wrong. Wrong clothes, wrong hats and they wore Buscadero holsters!”

Well, exactly, they deliberately got everything wrong. Anachronism was their byword. It was steampunk and deliberately wrong and funny. But they respected the Western. They brought in stars from the 1960s as characters and their villains were deliberately over the top.

In the latest *True West*, someone asked Marshall Trimble: “Based on sets, characters, clothing, firearms, and treatment of horses which Westerns are considered the best?” Interesting standard and completely different than my own. I try to be understanding with

Hollywood although the movies generally get everything wrong. I know that in telling a story on film, the producer is lucky to make three or four plot points stick. It's different than writing history.

If the movie is advertised as "historically accurate," my standard is that the historic characters are represented as they were and did what they did. Beyond that, I'm more interested in what might be described *economics*. By this I include weapons, tools, and technics as well as the human relationships normally thought of as economic. I'm not so critical of a Buscadero holster as long as it doesn't contain a muzzle loading pistol. When the Duke has a lever action rifle in 1840 rather than a muzzle loader, that bothers me.

The *Homesman* was a great movie, but settlers in western Nebraska in the 1850s bothered me as this was Indian Country and settlement was prohibited. I thought it odd that all of the crazy women expressed their psychosis in the same way. I was willing to forgive them drinking Arbuckle's Coffee which wasn't roasted until 1867. The author of the novel set out to show how hard the frontier was on women and he succeeded.

So, how shall we judge movies? Are they entertaining? Is there a good character arc or are they funny? Do we care about the characters? Do they stick to historically accurate plot points? But, then, I'm an historian. If I were renting equipment to the movies, I might care more about Taco hats and Buscadero holsters. *Tombstone* succeeded on all those points, and is the greatest movie ever made, and yes, they got the clothing and weapons just right while having characters we cared about and making all the right plot points.

### Blast from the Past

"Indian News," *Weekly Arizonian*, 10 March 1859.

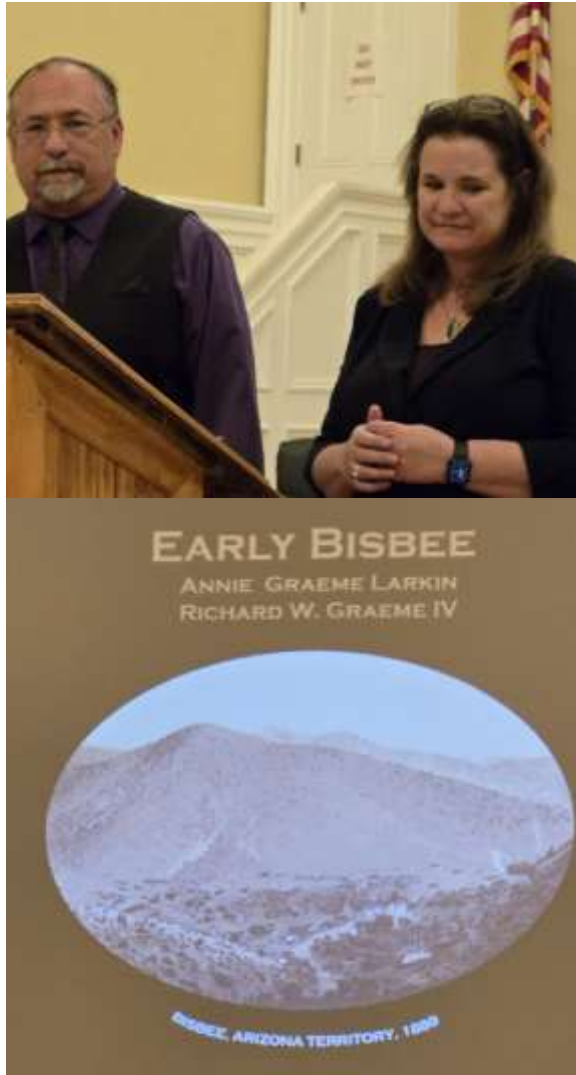
The Apaches are collecting in large numbers along the Overland Mail Route between the Mimbres and Dragoon Springs. The celebrated chief, Mangus Colorado, who for three years past has been very quiet, is in the field again with a large party of warriors. He declares that if government does not give him more beef and flour, he shall let his people take it wherever they please. They have annoyed the mail company very much by filling the road with stones in Apache Pass several times, and now threaten to close the Pass altogether, complaining that government does not pay them enough for using their land.

As the Apaches require moonlight nights for their depredations there have been but few thefts during the past ten days, but the new moon now coming on will certainly bring parties from the mountains on their usual stealing expeditions. They travel principally at night and require moonlight to enable them to follow trails with their stolen property.

The Papagos gave information to the commanding officer at Fort Buchanan that the horses taken from Hoyt were at San Lazaro, a deserted Rancho near the Sonora line. A party was sent out who found the horses but were unable to catch them, having been rendered, by their few days of liberty, perfectly wild.

### Last Campfire & YouTube

Richard IV Graeme and his sister, Annie Graeme Larkin, director of the Bisbee Historical Museum, spoke at the November Campfire about the early history of Bisbee. They had some great books for sale with them and at the museum including one of risqué French postcards.



October and November Campfires will be available at these links.

October Campfire:  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/B835aEaa438?si=tFtn4R\\_Vjw9uaC9k](https://www.youtube.com/live/B835aEaa438?si=tFtn4R_Vjw9uaC9k)

November Campfire:  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/aPu8jdOjW8Y?si=FEmlVL09\\_8kLNFub](https://www.youtube.com/live/aPu8jdOjW8Y?si=FEmlVL09_8kLNFub)

October 8 meeting of the New Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail Society and slides show of Soldier's Farewell, 1859 base of Co. C Regiment of Mounted Rifles.

- [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/opfBPc8Jok1ATZ\\_TQmY3W4gKSK](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/opfBPc8Jok1ATZ_TQmY3W4gKSK)

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### Lawyer Explains why the U.S. was NOT Stolen from Mexico

He misses a few points but this is still an excellent summary of why our country wasn't stolen from Mexico.

<https://youtu.be/wxpap-8kzbY?si=3UpfgkuGfIDVR6Uu>

### New Mexico Chapter Butterfield National Historic Trail Association

Please join us at 5 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, November 12, on Zoom using the link below. We'll have some interesting discussions and finalize the plan for a January trip to Stein's Peak Station.

Doug Hocking is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88315094810>

View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/edl?muid=c0d7c27-51d6-412b-a30a-fc7ebbddeeff3>

### Out & About

On Tuesday, October 7, in Sierra Vista, former Deputy Sheriff Dennis "Nevada" Smith, was killed and another was arrested after a two-vehicle motorcycle crash. Nevada Smith was a man who believed deeply in the things that mattered most: God, family, and country. From the time he was a young boy watching cowboys ride across the screen, he dreamed of the American West. He treasured American history, cowboy shoots, ghost towns, and time spent in the saddle with his beloved horse, Tinker.



As a father and grandfather, he led by example, sharing the stories of the frontier and the values of integrity, truth, and compassion.

Born on March 9, 1948, in Danville, Ohio, he enlisted in the United States Navy after high school. He served as an investigator for Pinkerton's in Fort Worth and with the Grand Forks Police Department. He was an Arizona Ranger and a captain with Nevada DPS



Highway Patrol. On November 7, Dennis was laid to rest after services at Grace Methodist Church in Douglas, AZ, at the Calvary Cemetery.

October 17 to 19, Doug & Debbie Hocking were at Boot Hill representing the Corral selling Running Iron and Hot Iron among other titles.



Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous was held



October 22 to 26. Ranch Hand Bill Cavaliere was among the speakers as was Doug



Hocking. Friends of the Corral Gary and Bob were also there.

November 1 was Cowboy Festival at Empire Ranch and Debora Lewis and Deborah

Lawson were there as were Doug & Debbie Hocking selling Corral books and other titles.



On November 8, Doug & Debbie were at Columbus, New Mexico, at the Pancho Villa State Park speaking on the Butterfield



Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache



Country.

I'm sorry we don't have word on anyone else's efforts. I presume you either haven't bothered to tell us at [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) or that you were *Arizona Hibernating* hiding under cover from the sun. We use this column to track community outreach for reporting for the Heads Up Award. It really helps if you let us know what you've been up to.

### Places to Visit

**Columbus**, New Mexico, is on Highway 9, about a mile from the border with Mexico. It's a small town with a couple of interesting restaurants and two museums. Pancho Villa State Park which houses a great museum was dedicated in 1964 as a means of reconciling old wounds. The survivors of the 1916 raid that killed 17 of their friends and neighbors



didn't see how naming the park after a



Mexican bandit brought them any satisfaction or peace of mind.



General “Black Jack” Pershing’s punitive expedition was launched from Columbus and other points along the border. It was more successful than some have written. Pershing killed most of the bandits who had crossed the border and only didn’t get the others because President Woodrow Wilson had him hold in place for months. It was a combined arms operation. The U.S.’s last cavalry charge was conducted during the expedition which also featured armored vehicles.

The expedition was supported by aircraft and by the “French 75” cannon. This was the first modern cannon featuring recoil cylinders that absorbed shock of firing allowing the cannon



to “remain in battery,” that is, aimed at the same point.

The expedition was supported by motorized vehicles.



And as noted, by aircraft.

I don’t have any photos of the nearby history museum located in the old train station but it too is worth a look.

### Odd Bits Recipe from the Trail Debbie Hocking

### Scalloped Corn

2 Cups	Corn, frozen or canned
½ Cup	Bread Crumbs
½ tsp	Pepper
½ tsp	Sugar
½ tsp	Salt, or to taste
2 Tbs	Butter, melted
½ Cup	Milk
2	Green Chili, roasted, chopped

Combine in a bowl and pour into a buttered 8-inch baking dish. Bake 25 minutes at 350° or until golden. If using a Dutch oven, cover and place coals on top; bake about 30 minutes.

### Coming Events

#### November

November 7, 10 a.m. **Nevada Smith Funeral**, Grace Methodist Church, Douglas

November 8, 11 a.m. **Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country**, Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, NM, Doug Hocking.

## December

December 7, **Annual Christmas Banquet, Cochise County Historical Society**, Gadsden Hotel, Douglas

December 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Christmas at the Ranch**, Empire Ranch

December 13, 7 – 10 p.m. **Annual Tombstone Christmas Ball**, Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone

## 2026

## February

**February 4 to 8, Tubac Festival of the Arts**

## March

**March 13, Tombstone Festival of Western Books**, Tombstone.

**March 14-15, Tucson Festival of Books**

Sources:

TTR <https://tr2022.carrd.co/>

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BJ Bulletin board for TTR Schedule  
<https://nediscapp.com/indices/39627?page=1>  
<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/calendar/>  
<https://saintdavidheritage.org/events/>  
<https://tombstoneweb.com/coming-events/>  
<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>  
<http://sonoitafairgrounds.com/labor-day/>  
<https://southerntrails.thetaleofthetrail.org/>

<https://visitwillcox.az.gov/local-events>  
<https://www.mescalmovieset.com/upcoming-events>  
<https://www.tubacpresidio.org/events>

## Chiricahua Regional Museum

127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643  
 520 384-3971  
 Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Fort Huachuca Museum Society** is looking for new members and the cost is only \$20 per year. The society runs the museum store and members get a 10% discount. To join contact Casey Jones at:

HMS

P.O. Box 673

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0673

Or call 520-450-0208 / Or write [luego@mac.com](mailto:luego@mac.com)

## Departments of *Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette*

**I put this in here every month to let you know ways you can contribute to our publications. We really do want to display your work, your articles, your photos. These are your publications.**

**The following Departments of the *Fremont Street Mail* are open to your contributions. We can stretch them or add to them if you have an idea:**

**Blast from the Past**, old newspaper & diary articles.

**Poetry Corner**

**Deep Thoughts on History** (Philosophy of how to do history) If you have thoughts on how to do history, send them in.

**Tidbits from History** Anything interesting



**Tombstone Epitaph**, an article from an historic Arizona newspaper

**Places to Visit**

**Hollywood Trivia**

**Out and About:** If you did it, we only know about it if you tell us and send photos.

**Photo Album**

**Local Events**

Departments of the *Border Vidette*

**We really need some articles right now to get out another edition!!!!**

**Long Articles**

**Short Articles**

**Reviews & Book Reports**

**Recommended Books & Articles**

**Frontier Recipes**

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at [dhocking@centurylink.net](mailto:dhocking@centurylink.net) or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

We ask that material be in Word, Times New Roman, 12 pitch, without indentation, single space between paragraphs. Please do not embed photos in text. Photos should be jpgs. Do not send pdfs.

**Our website and how to get there:**

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>

What you'll find there:

The *Fremont Street Mail* (monthly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremont-street-mail>

The *Border Vidette* (quarterly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-border-vidette>

Our Scrapbook:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

**Facebook:** Cochise County Corral Deborah Lea is on board as Telegrapher but won't be able to do much for the next few months. She can post and highlight, share, and create events. If you want to know what's happening, the information is on our page. <https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral>

It really helps the Corral if you share our Facebook and other social media postings. It helps to get the word out.

Actually the 67<sup>th</sup> Festival and February 4 to 8, but . . .

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Dan & Joi LaChaussee (Yellow vase with red and yellow flowers)  
John Koch (Wood sculpture with a yellow vase inside)  
Tony Duncan (World Champion Hoop Dancer)  
Inka Gold (Musicians playing guitar and flute)

## **General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins**

Kathy Klump of the Sulphur Springs Valley and Bill Cavaliere of the Cochise County Historical Societies had

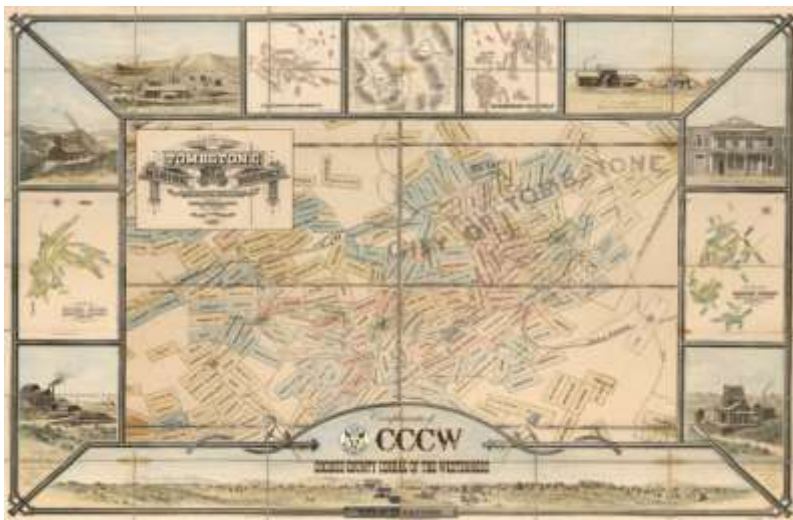


coins struck commemorating the General O.O. Howard – Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 on its sesquicentennial.

**Coins are available for \$5**

## **The Gather Commemorative Mug Only \$12**

**Map of the Tombstone Claims  
And Surrounding Communities**



**Only \$5**

**Get yours from Debora, Keeper of the Chips**



**FREE BOOK** *When You Join*  
**The Cochise County  
 Historical Society**

Since 1968, the Cochise County Historical Society has perpetuated the rich history of the southeastern corner of Arizona. Members receive two *Cochise County Historical Journals* each year and invitations to events, including the annual December banquet and history presentation.



Now, new members subscribing for two years will receive one of the two books of the late legendary Arizona game warden, Kim Murphy. His *Lost Trails of the Arizona Rangers* is a collection of fascinating long-ago stories from Murphy's days in wildlife law enforcement. His *The Devil Played Hell in*




*Paradise* chronicles numerous pioneers who settled in and around the Chiricahua Mountains.



Visit  
[www.cochisecountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cochisecountyhistoricalsociety.org)  
 to apply for membership (\$20/year)  
 and tell us which book to send.

\$40 gets you one free book or  
 join for four years (\$80)  
 and get both books free!





## COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

December 4th, 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.



***See You at Schieffelin Hall***  
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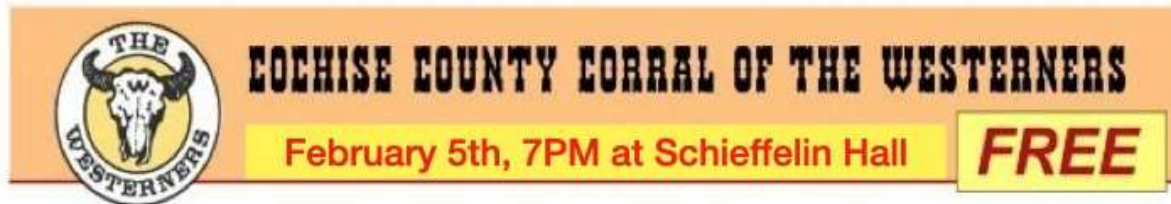
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Presenter:

**Bill Gillespie**

## Camp Rucker



Camp Rucker was a remote army post located in the Chiricahua Mountains that was established during the Indian campaigns of the 1870's and 1880's. Did events at this post become the start of the deadly feud between the McLaury brothers and the Earps? What was the role of this isolated army camp in the Indian campaigns? Retired Coronado National Forest archaeologist Bill Gillespie will tell the story of Camp Rucker.



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The background of the poster is a painting of a cowboy on a rearing horse. The horse is reddish-brown and is rearing up on its hind legs. The cowboy is wearing a hat and a vest. Two golden horseshoes are floating in the air, one on the left and one on the right. The background is a mix of blue and yellow, suggesting a sky and a field.

**TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF  
WESTERN BOOKS**

**Lucky  
Thirteen**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**  
**9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ**  
**Cochise County Corral of the Westerners**  
**P.O. Box 393**  
**Tombstone, AZ 85638**

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## **TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS**

### **4TH ANNUAL – 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY IN MARCH**

DATE: Friday March 13, 2026, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Schieffelin Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> at Fremont, Tombstone, AZ

Showcasing authors and historical societies publishing works of Western and American Frontier history, historical fiction, novels of the West, biography, Native American, youth and children's books, and Western romance. Juried selection of authors will be announced by February 1, 2026, by the sponsors Cochise County Corral of the Westerners and Cochise County Historical Society.

Authors and organizations will be provided with 3.5 feet of table space for a **fee of \$30**. Fees will be used to cover expenses including advertising. Non-profit organizations as space allows are free.

Organizers will open the doors to Schieffelin Hall at 8 a.m. March 13 and close the building by 3:30 p.m. **Organizers will provide tables and chairs** although authors are invited to bring their own camp tables and chairs.

#### **Responsibilities of the Author/Organization:**

**Applications** – all applications must be completed & turned in to the **Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638** or emailed to [inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) and prior to January 30, 2026. Applications will be juried and those selected will be notified by email on February 1, 2026. No refunds after February 15, 2026.

**Transaction Privilege License (TPT)** - All applicants except members of the Amigos & Ladies of the West must show a valid Arizona TPT license. Authors sharing a table & cash register may use the same TPT license.

**Applicants agree to be set up by 9 a.m. on March 13, 2026, and to stay until 3:30 p.m.** and must be out of the building by before 5 p.m. **Authors and exhibitors agree to arrive on time and remain until 3:30 p.m. so as not to disrupt others.** Professional behavior is expected.

Applicants are encouraged to bring table coverings and display stands for their books. Table assignments are the purview of the organizers but requests to share tables will be honored when possible.

Applicants must provide their own change fund and credit card reader (if used) and do their own filing.

**Notification of Acceptance** – Notice of acceptance will be provided by email on February 1, 2026.

Make checks of \$30 payable **Cochise County Corral of the Westerners** NLT January 30, 2026. \_

**Coffee and lunch will be provided in a small, authors-only socializing area.**

***No food or beverage will be brought into the main hall.***



## Tombstone Festival of Western Books

Friday, March 13, 2026

[inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

Cochise County Corral

P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFER TO SHARE TABLE WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

Merchandise Sales Arizona TPT License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a description of your publications, genre, etc.:

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Please provide a brief bio (author) or mission of organization:

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**I agree to the terms of participation described. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials.**

**I agree to be set up by 9 a.m., out by 5 p.m., and to stay until at least 3:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials**

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) “Sales Tax”

You don't need a city business license, but you do need a state TPT license number. It only costs **\$12**.

This is the place to go for information and to get the license.

<https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpt-license>

#### TPT License

Arizona transaction privilege tax (TPT), commonly referred to as sales tax, is a tax on vendors for the privilege of doing business in the state. Various business activities are subject to transaction privilege tax and must be licensed.

**Even vendors who only do business for special events in Arizona are required to have a license. The state license fee remains \$12** no matter how many special events a vendor attends. However, a separate city license fee is required for each city unless a vendor is currently licensed for the city in which an event will be held. Authors doing book signings either work through a licensed book seller or “fly under the radar.” Shows draw notice and we have to have the list.

#### In-State Sellers

Any sales made to the state of Arizona, counties or other political subdivisions are taxable at the full rate.

#### AZTaxes.gov

*This option enables businesses to register, file and pay TPT online (except for construction contractors).*

<b>Setup</b>	<b>Your</b>	<b>AZTaxes.gov</b>	<b>Account</b>
This step-by-step guide will help you with new user registration and setting up your <a href="https://aztaxes.gov">AZTaxes.gov</a> account, <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> .			

The state has us report the tax in twice, once for county and once for city.

In 2025, the rate was as listed below. Ask for update!

**Cochise County:** County code is COH and the rate is 6.1%

**Tombstone:** City Code is TS and the rate is 3.5%.

(The total you will collect is 9.6%)

Deduction code for taxes collected is 551.

You don't charge TPT on wholesale sales to stores who will resell, but you need their TPT number.

There is a page for deductions that autofills the other pages in the electronic filing.

On the form TPT-2, if you sold \$100 worth of books, you'll collect \$109.60, and you'll fill in:

Loc Code	City Code	Bus Code	Description	Gross	Deductions	Taxable	Rate	Tax
COH		17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	6.1	\$6.10
	TS	17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	3.5	\$3.50

Here's an announcement from the Tucson Festival of Books about TPT. The only difference is that we are in Tombstone (TS) and the city does not charge for a business license.

If you will be selling anything in your booth, make sure you have filed with the Arizona Department of Revenue for your privilege (sales) tax for the City of Tucson. Please use the regional code TU. Applications can be found at: <https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpv-license>

Some have been told by their "accountant" that they don't need a license because they have "too few sales." That's not what the tax code says. Those with few sales might "fly under the radar" and are in trouble if detected. As a show, we draw attention. We are required to keep a list of your TPT numbers. We cannot risk "flying under the radar." Some have said "but I'm from out of state." Great, you probably don't make enough in state to have to file income tax, but TPT is still required. Can you imagine the industry that would grow up along our state borders with commuters coming in to sell while not having to pay tax? If your "accountant" told you that you don't require a TPT number, fire him immediately and let him seek new employment. A village somewhere is missing its idiot.

**Remember!** After the show, either make the required filing or you get fined. Or if you aren't going to be selling anywhere else in Arizona, you can cancel the license.

**New Mexico Chapter Butterfield National Historic Trail Association**

Please join us at 5 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, November 12, on Zoom using the link below. We'll have some interesting discussions and finalize the plan for a January trip to Stein's Peak Station.

Doug Hocking is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88315094810>

View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/launch/edl?muid=cc0d7c27-51d6-412b-a30a-fc7ebbddeff3>

**Stein's Pass Overland Mail Station**

Meet at **Stein's Pass Ghost Town**, Exit 3, I-10, New Mexico

**10 a.m., Saturday, January 10, 2026**

*(We'd normally meet and get coffee and breakfast at a nearby restaurant, but there's nothing available in Lordsburg anymore; we will wait until 10:30 before proceeding)*

This is the best preserved of the Overland Mail Stations in New Mexico with an exiting history at the mouth of Doubtful Canyon.

Nine miles north of the Interstate on good, dirt road.

Strong suspension and high clearance advised. Site is on private property.

Going on to JJ Giddings grave involves driving up a wash bottom, 4WD advised.

Bring:

Water, at least 2 quarts per person

Picnic lunch

Hat

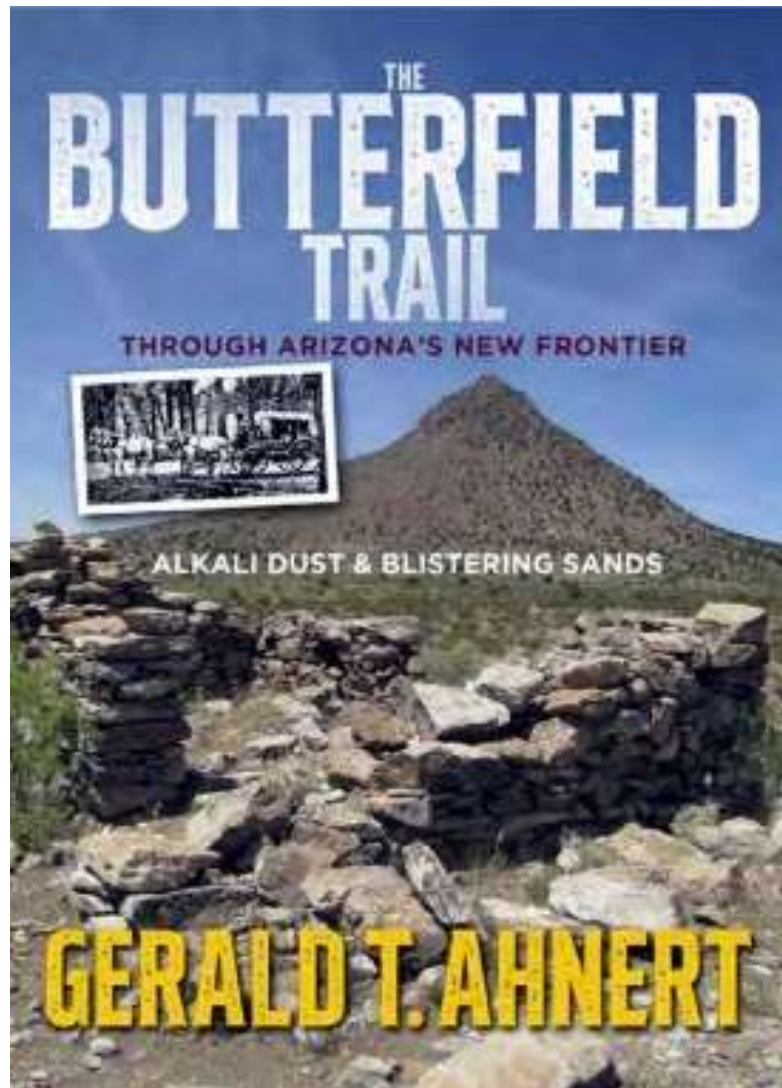
Walking stick

Strong Shoes

The station is ¼ mile from the road across a deep, wide wash. The climb down can be difficult, although short.

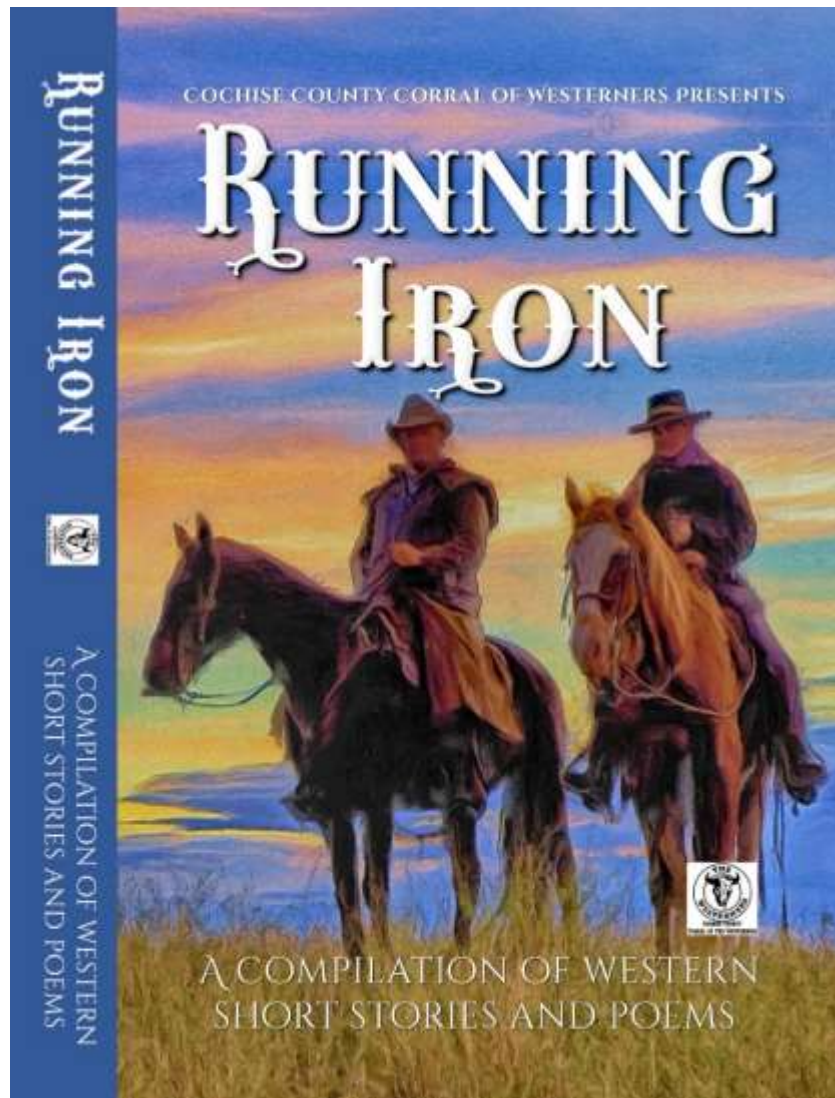






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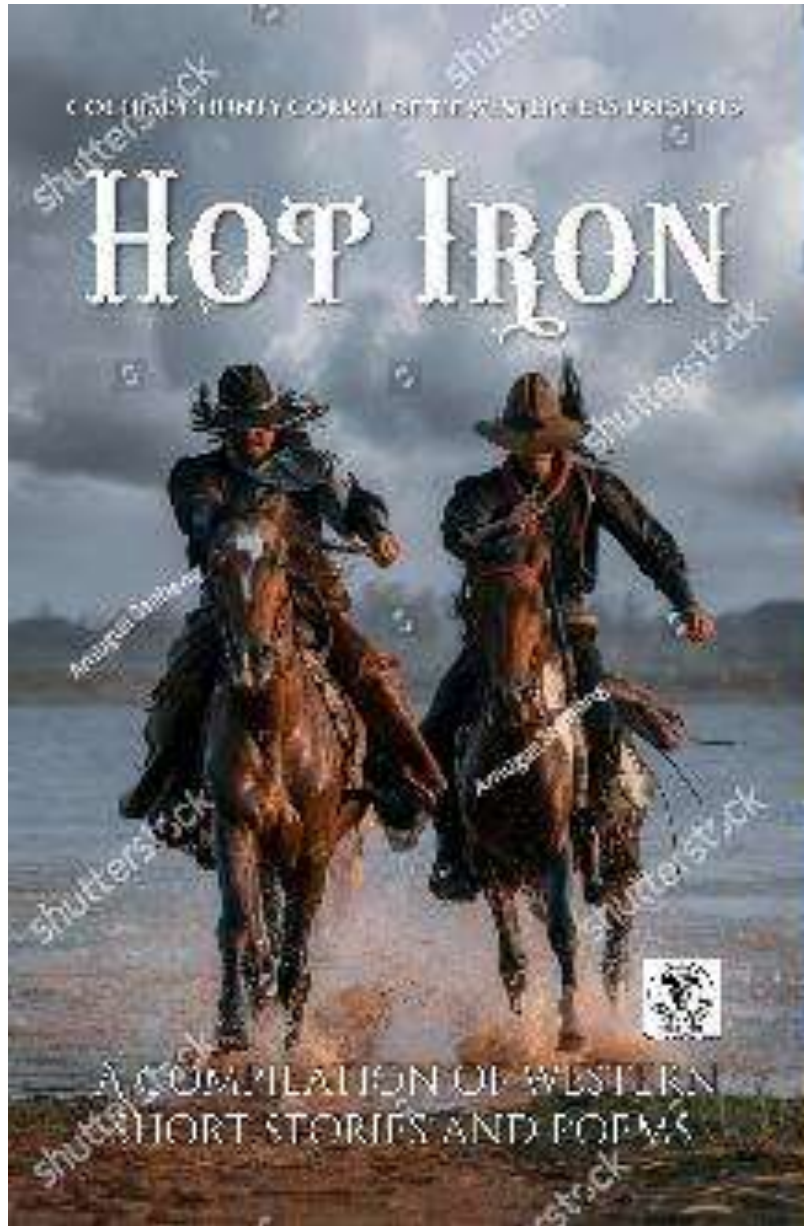
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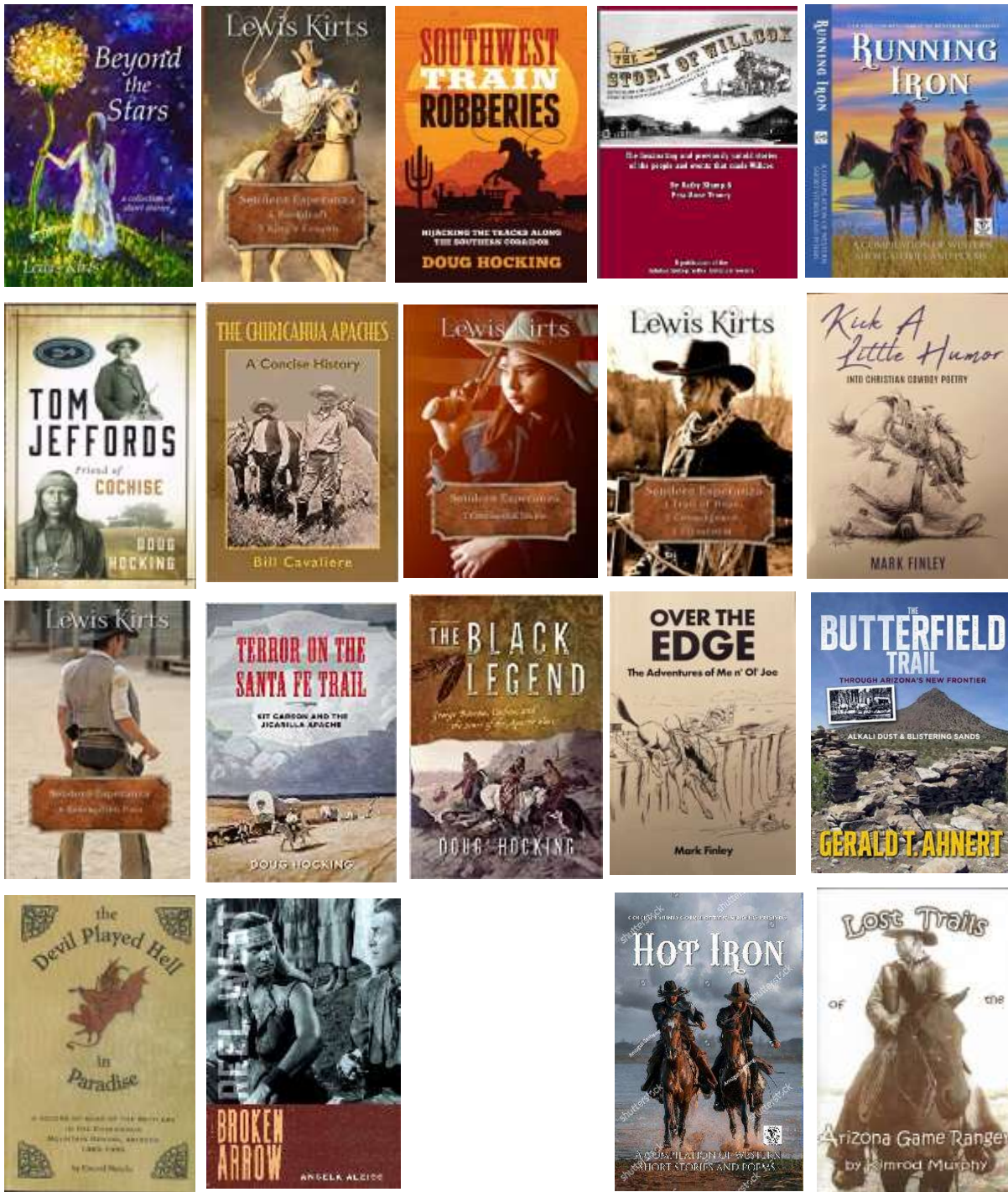


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Membership Form October 2021



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invites you  
to join a fun, informal group of people

**Every First Thursday of the Month**

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**At Schieffelin Hall**

**On Freemont Street**

**Dinner 5:30ish at the Longhorn Restaurant**

### *Membership Benefits:*

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
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- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities and the **Tombstone Festival of Western Books**
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – *Fremont Street Mail* – Quarterly journal – *Border Vidette*. [www.CochiseCountyCorral.org](http://www.CochiseCountyCorral.org)

- ❖ **Join the Corral that has thrice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021 & 2023 and awards for Poetry, Presentation, Best Article & Best Book**

***Membership only \$20 per year***

(Feel free to visit a few times before you join)

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Corral - Membership **Only \$20** –

**Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information contact: Sheriff Liz Severn [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) or (520) 220-6313

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