

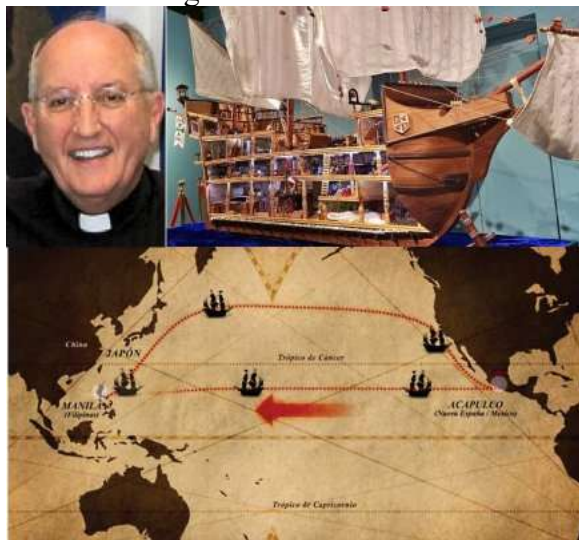
FREMONT STREET MAIL



September 9, 2025

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith

Next meeting will be on Thursday, **October 2**, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall, **Father Greg Adolf** will present “**Manila Galleons.**” Did you know that the Philippines were once a province of Mexico or that many elements of “uniquely” Mexican culture were imported from the Far East through the Philippines? Amazing treasure and designs flowed from the East through Mexico.



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.

November 6 – **Negotiations continue** at high level arranging a speaker.

December 4 – **A Christmas of Poetry, Song, Snacks, and Stories** is in the works.

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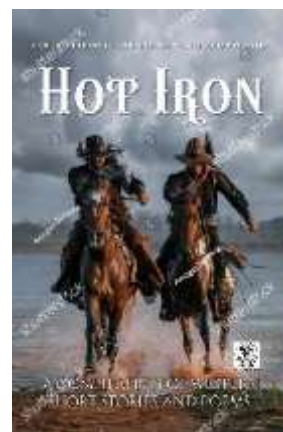
The Roundup Foreman is putting together the 2026 schedule. “Folks: If you have an idea for a speaker, get in touch with me at:

Gary Smith garys30@yahoo.com

Recorder of Marks & Brands Jean Smith

*The next book will be called **Hot Iron***

We’re looking for short stories and Cowboy poetry. Don’t miss out by being late.



Submissions must be in by:
October 1st, 2025

Tombstone Festival of Western Books

Anne Hillerman has expressed an interest in being our **Guest Author**. Anne continues her father’s series of mysteries involving Navajo Tribal police, Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito. These are currently running as a series on AMC under the name **Dark Winds**.

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.

Applications are available in the latter part of the *Fremont Street Mail* and on our website www.CochiseCountyCorral.org and will be emailed to authors and museum/attractions on request.

Will Rogers Medallions

The program for the Award Ceremonies in Fort Worth contains a full page ad for the Tombstone Festival of Western Books as well as an ad for *Running Iron*. Presentation of Medallions to our winning poets will be at the December Campfire.

Membership Application

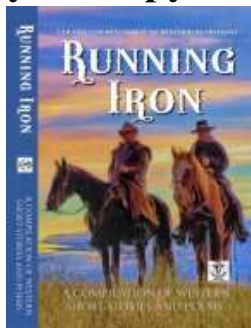
The last page of the *Fremont Street Mail* is a membership application.

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

Get your copy today!



Available on Amazon in Books as *Running Iron* for \$16 and from the Keeper of the Chips. Contributing authors and retailers may purchase as many as they like for \$10. We'll have more copies on hand soon

Keeper of the Chips Debora Lewis

Ranch Hands 65 with 56 active.

Checking	\$2955.80
Savings	\$1,021.54
August Income	\$ 24.81
August Expenses	\$ 142.22

Running Iron:

Expense	\$ 549.60
Income	\$ 808.34
Profit:	\$ 258.74

Website:

CochiseCountyCorral.org

As of August 29:

Visitors 2,048 97 in last 30 days

Social 1,126 88 in last 30 days

Trail Boss's Whip Bob Spahle

On **September 27**, we'll **Trail Ride to Empire Ranch for Movies Under the Stars**. Meet there and bring a camp chair at 6 p.m. or earlier. **The movie starts at 6:30 P.M.** and it's *Monte Walsh* with Lee Marvin & Jack Palance. The movie is Free. Popcorn, soda and snacks are only \$1.



On the Big Screen at Empire Ranch

Sheriff's Star Sheriff Liz Severn

Congratulations to Doug Hocking! He won two awards from Westerners International: The "Coke" Wood award for his article entitled "Bridge at Apache Pass" and The Philip A. Danielson Award for his presentation, "Escape from Mesilla." Good work, Doug.

We're looking for people to take over a few positions with the Corral. Many of us have agreed to continue in our current positions, but we still need to fill some. The following positions and their descriptions from the Range Rules (bylaws) are available:

Deputy Sheriff –

1. Encourages and submits awards applications to Westerners International (Yearly. I've helped and done it, so I can assist if you need help.)
2. Nominates officer candidates for November election

Trail Boss – Bob Spahle has agreed to work on it but would prefer to have a little time off.

1. Plans at least 4 outings per year
2. Determines schedule with meeting point, carpools, meals, fees, etc.
3. Provides advanced notice 2 months prior to the Corral
4. Arranges permissions and speakers/hosts as needed

Printer's Devil –

1. Encouraged to write at least 2 articles per year about Corral activities for Buckskin Bulletin
2. Edits (helps with) the monthly newsletter, The *Fremont Street Mail*, publishing on the Tuesday after Campfire by sending the manuscript to the Recorder of Marks and Brands for email distribution and to the Ink

Slinger for publication on the website

Drag Rider –

1. At large members of the Posse available to fill out a quorum
2. Assists other Posse members and appointed officers as needed such as filling in for the Recorder, the Bounty Trader, Faro Dealer, etc.

Volunteer/Appointed Positions are as follows"

Telegrapher –

1. Functions as membership chairman
2. Creates flyers and advertisements
3. Updates the Corral Facebook Page
4. Posts notices of coming Corral events, outings, and the nature of the topic at the next Corral Campfire on the Page
5. Collects photographs of outings and speakers
6. Presents a synopsis of coming events at each Campfire

Faro Dealer – Librarian

1. Maintain a record of loaned materials
2. Report at the monthly Campfire on books or articles of interest that are new or available on the Faro table

A few of these we could probably do without, but we desperately need a **Deputy Sheriff** and a **Trail Boss** to give Bob a break. He has a large book filled with about 45 ideas for trips, and he's done a lot to get it together. Having a **Telegrapher** would also be great. Doug could use the help since he already does A LOT for the Corral.

Deep Thoughts on History Doug Hocking

As historians we should attempt to understand people and events in the context of their times. Agricultural economies and

trading posts, such as existed from the 1920s to the 60s among the Navajo and the Apache people I grew up with are often misunderstood. Government functionaries frequently demonized the traders who were barely breaking even for charging high interest rates and top dollar for goods. Farm economies typically have income once or twice per year and in between the farmer lives on credit. On the Navajo Reservation “old pawn” jewelry was brought in as surety and only “borrowed” from the trader for ceremonial events. Rates were high but so were shipping costs and the business was high risk as crops might fail or prices fall and land was unavailable, owned by the tribe, as surety.

A bad year for agriculture brought by drought or cold could mean the failure of farms and ranches and the inability of the farmers to pay their debts bankrupting the trader who had extended loans. Likewise, a year of perfect weather could be equally disastrous as all shared in the bounty and prices for produce and wool fell. In 1890, a drought in Arizona lead to ranchers attempting to sell cattle. Prices dropped and soon it cost more to ship the cattle to market than they were worth. The government blamed the ensuing over-grazing on the greed of ranchers rather than on economic reality.

The Navajo were lucky in that they could join a larger economy. Wool is easy to transport in bales and doesn't spoil on the way to market. The Santa Fe Railroad also gave them a market for handicrafts and lamb. After the Civil War, Texans were not so lucky. The only part of cattle that could be easily transported was hide and tallow unless you drove the beeves 1,000 miles to the railhead.

The Homestead Act sent farmers across the nation to set up farms where they could not bring produce to market. They were

successful near mining camps and military posts and along the railroads, but failed elsewhere. Subsistence farming is a way to stay poor.

Sadly, our government through the 19th century, sought to turn Indians into farmers in places where there was no market for produce. The failure was not the Indians' fault. It was the fault of government officials who did not understand the economics of farming.

To become wealthy in farming, and there is no reason that successful farmers shouldn't strive for this, a plantation is in order. Let's not confuse this with slavery. We're describing the agricultural equivalent of a business that employs more than one family. The family farm is a way to ensure that one remains relatively poor.

Simplifying somewhat, in agriculture, employees are needed at planting and harvest, and not so much in between. If the famer feeds employees all year to ensure their presence at harvest, the farmer will see the need for some control to ensure that the workers don't wander off or hire out to someone else. Not to justify slavery in any way, the economic logic to it is obvious. Mechanical farm equipment solved much of this dilemma.

The historian strives to understand people in the context of their times. In the 18th century, slavery existed everywhere and it had for thousands of years. Spain tries to claim a preeminent position in forbidding it. The crown ordered and no one listened; they just shifted terms. In Mexico, Indian slavery and peonage was practiced into the 20th century. Muslims enslaved thousands of Europeans well into the 19th century until England and the United States put a stop to it, though there are folks who report that Scandinavian girls

are still kidnapped for Middle East markets or go there on contract and disappear. Laborers are imported from the Philippines and Indonesia to the Emirates where their passports are confiscated and they go unpaid for their labor.

The United States Constitution forbid the trade and U.S. and British warships patrolled the African coast. After the Civil War, New Jersey was the last state to give up its slaves. It wasn't just a Southern thing.

A few folks, particularly some revolutionaries in the American colonies, began to see that the surety of their own freedom lay in ensuring the liberty of others, ultimately of all men and women. Some folks still don't get this concept. Many revolutions end with one group of despots replacing another. They don't really believe in liberty. They want to be king or despot themselves. What happened in America, Britain, and some European countries was a miracle.

Imagine, if you will, the resistance among people whose wealth was tied up in men. How much of your wealth are you willing to surrender on principle? They weren't perfect and some failed but they did try.

After a series of Christian revivals, the American colonies and then the United States became the first conquerors in history not to enslave and eliminate the conquered. There is a long list of English heroes who fought invaders and were conquered and their descendants, now identified with the conqueror, fought the next invader. Briton was followed by Roman, followed by Saxon, followed by Norman. The Britons of Cornwall sing of how their language is no longer spoken and the English live in their houses. They are so deeply submerged in conquerors, you probably think of them as English.

The United States, not always consistently or fairly, decided that it must preserve the American Indian ultimately by placing them on reservations where identity and culture could be maintained. At the same time, our ancestors felt justified in taking their land. We have seen scholar after scholar try to tell us that our Constitution is invalid because it is based on a 15th century decision by the Pope to divide the world and the non-Christian people in it between the Portuguese and Spain empires. There is ample evidence that no one really paid any attention to the Pope. It was an excuse, as if one was needed, to take land and enslave non-Christians. In other words, to do what everyone who was capable had been doing since the beginning of time.

Nonetheless, there was a Christian attempt not to completely crush the conquered but to preserve them on reservations. This was for some a salve to the conscience, especially to the conscience of those not directly benefiting from the taking of Native land.

Consider, if you will, the Anglo-Saxon or Northern European pioneer standing on the frontier. In his experience, land that is owned is surveyed and fenced or walled. Land that is not is commons or land of the crown pretty much open to use or to purchase from the crown. The forests, mountains, and open prairies are home to outlaws, wild men, long-hunters, enemies, and ferocious wild animals. It takes courage to tread on those lands. Our children's stories are full of reasons to fear the forest. They also feared mounted men like Mongols and Cossacks. Along the English-Scots border reivers raided one another back and forth for cattle. Mounted herdsmen were wild and to be feared. It's not surprising that men like Thomas Jefferson felt that only yeoman farmers could be trusted to found a democratic republic. Long hunters wandered

away. Herders wandered away. Only farmers could be trusted. It took heroes to work the frontier.

On the other side, heroic Indian warriors defended their lands and families. They followed herds of wild animals. If they became scarce in one place, they moved to another and so boundaries were meaningless and the use, not so much as control, of land was constantly challenged and borders fluid. Any person close to the land knows how to make things grow and even the nomadic tribes farmed to some extent. Apache gardens were not neat and tidy and not always recognized. The European saw wild plants as open to be being reaped by anyone. The Apache recognized these as the property of specific women passed from mother to daughter.

The attempt to turn the Indians into farmers was ill-conceived if well-intended. The Indian knew how to farm, if not in quite the way that the European did, and also knew that subsistence farming was the road to poverty and death. There was more than a bit of racism in the compulsion to teach our “little red brothers” and in the paternalism of our government in looking after them because they were “like children.” The government knew best how they should live their lives and spend their money. This lives on in the Bureau of Indian Affairs that has to approve most tribal actions and in the owning of the reservation in-common ensuring that there cannot be wealth in land. These same elitist officials are happy to tell us how we should live and spend our money while they feather their nests on our wealth.

TOMBSTONE EPIGRAPH & ARIZONIAN

In January 1860, the Territorial Legislature of New Mexico set out boundaries for the County of Arizona. The most important county officers, sheriff and judge, were never

elected. Arizona, including everything from Texas to the Colorado River was being organized in Tucson as a provisional territory and ignored the offer of county status.

New York Tribune, 17 March 1860.

The New Mexican Legislature has also organized a new County of this section, embracing the country west of the Apache Pass of the Chiricahui Mountains, to be called Arizona County, and Tucson to be the County seat. It is extremely doubtful whether our citizens will accept this County, and organize it by the election of County officers. Our isolated position renders a separate organization of vital importance, and if Congress adjourns without action in our behalf, there is a great probability of the establishment of a Provisional Government.



Poetry Corner

Little Bill the Wrangler

By Mark Finley

Little Bill, the Wrangler
 Was a good friend of mine
 But even with his ridin' boots on,
 He stood only four foot nine.
 We were ridin' for the Bell Brand
 In Northeastern New Mexico.
 We liked workin' on the Bell ranch;
 No place we'd rather go.
 Bill's job was to wrangle horses,
 Gather um' and bring um' in.
 He was in the saddle at the break of light
 Pushin' horses into the round breakin' pen.

Then each cowboy came up
 Saddle and bridle in his hand.
 And Bill roped the horse he was to ride
 With an overhand loop called a hoolihan.
 With about a dozen horses and cowboys
 Gone out to do the work for the day
 This left Bill about twenty horses
 To feed a little grain and alfalfa hay.
 Bill cared for his horse Manada
 Kept them shod and gave veterinary care
 Bill was one of the last wranglers
 Not many of them left anywhere.

Little Bill went to church on Sunday,
 He was a Christian without a doubt.
 Said his prayers every night
 And knew what the Bible was all about.
 Bill lived a real clean life;
 Didn't cuss, smoke, or drink
 Or even try a tobacco chew.
 And he was always ready to share
 The gospel with everyone he knew.
 After many years of wranglin',
 Bill retired at the age of eighty-three.
 Bought a little place near town
 And lived on Social Security.
 One day I stopped by
 To visit Bill for a spell
 I said, "It seems strange to me
 But you may know this well,
 That every time I tripped and fell
 I got skinned up or even broke a bone.
 So, I have a question to ask
 Now that we are all alone.
 "Why is it Bill, when you took a tumble
 And hit the ground you never got hurt at all?"
 Then he grinned at me and said,
 "At four foot nine, "I DIDN'T HAVE FAR
 TO FALL!!!"

Hollywood Trivia

While the most realistic movie shooting ever, was featured in *Rust*, starring Alec Baldwin, was shot (no pun intended) at a movie ranch just south of Santa Fe, many very successful films were shot in the *Piedre Lumbré*, the

Rocks on Fire, Echo Amphitheater, and Ghost Ranch.



In June 1967, the New Mexican occupants of the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant seceded from the United States and set up passport control at Echo Amphitheater. It wasn't long before the National Guard was sent to quell the revolt.

I recognize the place every time I see it in any of the many films made here. These include *Red Dawn* (1984), *Silverado* (1985) that established Kevin Costner as a star, *City Slickers* (1991) with Billy Crystal on a dude ranch, *The Last Outlaw* (1993), *Wyatt Earp* (1994) why wasn't that made at Mescal? *Wild Wild West* (1999), *The Missing* (2003) with Val Kilmer and Tommy Lee Jones who said he'd been living with the Jicarilla Apache, *3:10 to Yuma* (2007) where Russel Crowe looks across the valley to Pederal, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* (2008), *Comanche Moon* (2008), *Cowboys & Aliens* (2011), *The Magnificent 7* (2016), *Hostiles* (2017).



Blast from the Past

On July 22, 1858, Lieutenant Colonel Miles, commanding Fort Fillmore wrote to his commander in Santa Fe regarding an incident involving the San Antonio & San Diego Mail, the Jackass Mail. Fort Fillmore was six miles south of Mesilla and on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande.

We should be clear that the mail station referred to was not in the sutler's store, precursor to the Post Exchange, over which the post commander exercised a great deal of control despite it being just off-post. The sutler was selected by a board of officers and they had some control over pricing. This facility, in addition to being a mail station, was what soldiers would call a hog ranch. This is not how Butterfield Overland Mail Stations operated.

*The story is quoted in Wadsworth's **Forgotten Fortress** and he provides the following commentary. . . [Miles] dealt with an operating den of iniquity somewhere close to Fort Fillmore. Insights into these combination stage stations, bars, and probably warehouses are difficult to find, as the military kept mention of them very close to the vest. The stage station referred to was not the new Butterfield Overland Mail, which had yet to see service, but was probably the coach mail line to Santa Fe, then active over the Jornada del Muerto. . . .*

Miles wrote:

On the 8th Inst., Pvt. P. Cunningham of K Co 3d Inf., on leave of absence, got drunk at the mail station kept by a discharged soldier named Albert Kuhn in this vicinity. A row commenced between him and Snyder over a game of cards. Kuhn separated them and assumed the quarrel and after various banter

etc., engaged Cunningham in a fist fight. On the latter's approaching him he [Kuhn] shot him [Cunningham] in the abdomen and as Cunningham turned and was leaving fired three more shots into him. These wounds caused his death in a few hours afterwards.

On the 9th I directed Lt. Freedley to proceed to Mesilla with witnesses and take out a writ for the apprehension of Kuhn for murder. He went there and while the writ was being made out, Kuhn delivered himself up to the Alcalde of the adjoining town who happened to ride into Mesilla at that moment. Miller [the Alcalde or mayor] refused to deliver Kuhn on the writ but held him to appear before him at Mesilla (contrary to law) on the next morning at 8 o'clock.

On the 10th Lt. Freedley was unable to go to Mesilla but the witnesses were sent. These were tampered with in every way by the mail stage men, and at the last made drunk. The trial came off as anticipated, Kuhn was held to bail of \$100. To appear at the next term of Socorro Court to answer the offended dignity of Dona Ana County for riot. Kuhn on this [10th] Saturday afternoon returned to the store in a mail stage, surrounded by his friends as in triumph, uttering denunciations against the soldiers with threats etc., etc. Many of the soldiers heard this and vowed vengeance.

Anticipating a disturbance on the 11th [Sunday] strict orders were given to the guard to patrol [sic] the road to Kuhn's store every half hour and apprehend and confine every soldier found in that direction. Notwithstanding the order and vigilance of the guard, about 2 o'clock P.M. a portion of the men of K Company, unperceived, slipped out of their quarters and proceeded to Kuhn's store, with the intention of lynching him for the murder of their companion. They had left but a short time before it was discovered and

were promptly followed by another and the 1st Sergeant - who arrived after two shots had been fired at Kuhn's closing his door. One of these shots slightly wounded a citizen (herder for the mail party) when the sergeant with great daring threw himself into the open window and ordered the infuriated soldiers to cease firing as there were women and children in the house. This act saved Kuhn. The Sergeant informed him, he must leave immediately with him, or he could not guarantee his life. That he could take him to the guard house, when, by that time the officers at the fort would become aware of the difficulty and save him. About the time of the arrival of the Sergeant at Kuhn's, I was informed that the soldiers were assaulting the house. I instantly gave Lt. Freedly his orders to take with him any & all soldiers he could readily find and suppress the riot. He arrived at Kuhns as the sergeant was marching from the house and the men fell into ranks and marched as orderly and as obediently to his orders as if on parade. Lt. Freedly brought Kuhn down and delivered him up to me. After keeping him in my parlor for an hour or so, a horse was procured; Lt. Freedly and myself escorted him out of the garrison, and he left unmolested - promising me to leave the store and never return to it. He expressed many thanks to Lt. Freedly & the Sergeant for saving his life, etc. etc.

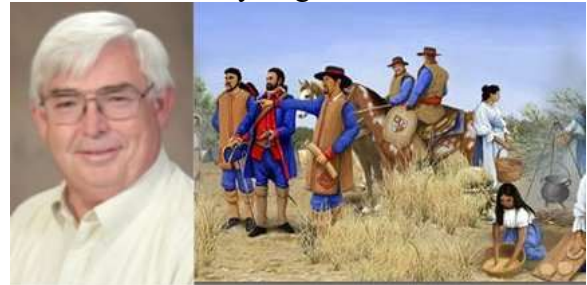
But he no sooner considered himself safe than he commenced threatening the Sergt's life - as well as the soldiers. On his leaving the store the excitement [?] No soldier has been there since and I suppose never would go there again, if the whisky was not kept there to entice them. The wounded citizen was brought to our hospital, where he was promptly and skillfully treated by Dr. Cooper. He is recovering rapidly. The men of K Company have subscribed I am told \$100 for him and he is perfectly satisfied.

I should not omit to state that Kuhn is only a clerk of the mail company, employed by Dr. Nangle the agent.

This is the whole transaction as it occurred. Had the soldiers got possession of Kuhn they would doubtless have hanged him.

Last Campfire & YouTube

According to Evelyn Harris: "We had an excellent meeting last night at Westerners. Daniel Judkins presented a wonderful talk with maps, pictures and great information!" Way to go, Dan!



She goes on: "Anyway, Bob S. gave me the information about the Free Movie night on Sept. 27" at Empire Ranch.

If you weren't there, here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/3qfq4wW6Y6Q?si=wH8U2hF1Z2Ae6Ag8>

Here's the link to Doug Hocking's presentation to the Dulce High School, Jicarilla Apache Reservation. He spoke to 200 Apache about their history.

History of the Jicarilla Apache

<https://youtu.be/sfbXbnqmw0s>

Out & About

Between August 14 & 17, Ink Slinger Doug and Corral Rep Debbie Hocking were in Santa Fe for Indian Market spreading Western Frontier history to the masses.



Doug brought along his weapons to put down a rumored Navajo Uprising by artist Robert Many Horses.



On Monday, August 18, Doug spoke in Dulce, New Mexico, on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to a group of over 200 high school students about Jicarilla history. Doug tried to make the point that although one loses the battle, one does not have to be a victim. The talk was well received.

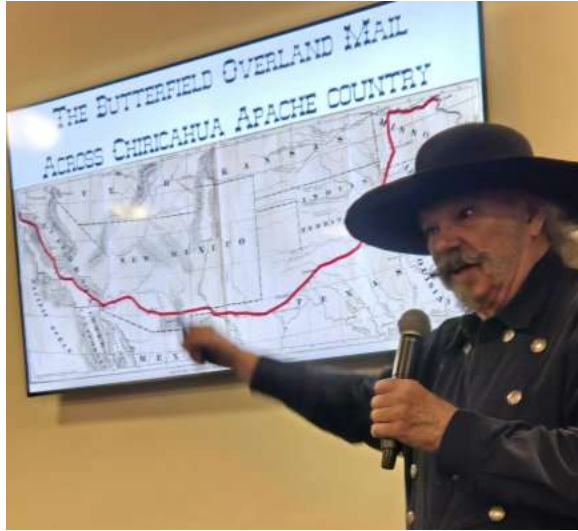


Doug with Jicarilla Apache teacher Merle Elote.

Word has come down that Doug won the “Coke” Woods Award from Westerners International for his article “Bridge at Apache Pass,” and won the Danielson for the Corral for his presentation “Escape from Mesilla.”



August 30 to September 1 Doug and Debbie were at the Sonoita Rodeo hanging with the Rodeo Queens.



On September 4, Doug spoke to a large crowd at the Prescott Corral.



Prescott Corral has one of the original Buckskin Charters. This really is burned lettering on buckskin.



On September 5, Doug spoke at the Yavapai College in Prescott.

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 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.

Departments of *Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette*

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 or 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.

Places to Visit

Hope this doesn't come across as "what I did on my summer vacation." The Rio Arriba, land north of Santa Fe, is special.



Santa Fe is beautiful in the summer and many of the best parts are within an easy walk of the Palace of the Governors and Museum of New Mexico.



The museum houses the Seegesser Hide Painting that depicts an 18th Century battle along the Missouri River between French and Spanish and their Indian allies for control of the Great Plains.



The Loretto Chapel is nearby with its amazing staircase originally built without handrails. The chapel was constructed without stairs to the choir loft until St. Peter helped out with just a hammer, saw, and chisel.



A few steps further on you'll find San Miguel the oldest church in the U.S.

Just across the street is the oldest continuously occupied house in the U.S.



We were there for Indian Market, an annual August event in which over 1300 Native American artists participate. The stalls stretch out lining the streets on both sides for many blocks in every direction from the plaza.



Our show, the Native Treasures Show, is held in the Eldorado Hotel and is one of six subsidiary shows.



Ednei had just sold the last of his silver jewelry in the main show and stopped by to visit.



The show in the Eldorado draws all sorts of folks some of them famous movie stars and famous collectors and purveyors of turquoise jewelry.



The best hats come from Thunderbird Hats where I get mine.



We were invited to speech in Dulce, far to the north in the Rio Arriba, and stopped along the way in Abiquiu where there were witch trials in the 1770s.



Until 1867, Redwall Canyon on the Chama River, dammed by Abiquiu Dam, separated New Mexico from the land of the Jicarilla Apache and Ute.



Beyond Abiquiu Lake is the Piedre Lumbre, the Rocks On Fire, a land often seen in movies.



Returning south, we stayed in the 250-year-old Jaramillo's Hacienda Rancho de Chimayo.

Odd Bits An Old West Recipe

At Bent's Fort on the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail, at some military posts, and in towns some forms of fancy food were possible.

Bread Pudding, Spotted Dog, or Capirotada

6 Cups	Light toasted bread slices
2 Cups	Brown sugar
1 Cup	Water in small pan
1 Medium	Onion, finely chopped
4	Eggs
2 Cups	Apples, sliced
3 Cups	Milk
1 Cup	Raisins or currants
1/2 lb	Butter
2 Tbs	Cinamon
1 tps	Nutmeg
1 Cup	Cheddar Cheese, grated
	Heavy cream

Boil the sugar in water to make syrup about the consistency of maple syrup. When thickened slightly, add onion. In a bowl, stir eggs and milk together, don't beat. In a large baking dish layer bread, then syrup, raisins, apples, onions, butter, cinnamon and nutmeg until dish is filled. Bake 45 minutes at 350°. After 40 minutes, remove from oven and spread cheese over the top. Replace in oven until cheese is melted. Serve hot pouring a little cold, heavy cream over each portion.

Coming Events

September

September 7-12, OCTA Convention in Pueblo, CO

September 18-20, The Gather, Westerners International, Hot Springs, South Dakota

September 25-27, Marking a Road To Santa Fe: Set Your Sights on Sibley, 2025 Santa Fe Trail Symposium

September 25-27 - 2025 Joint New Mexico-Arizona History Convention, Las Cruces

September 25-28 Edgar Rice Burroughs Convention, Willcox.

September 27, 6:30 P.M. Monte Walsh with Lee Marvin & Jack Palance, Empire Ranch Movie Under the Stars. Free

October

October 4-5, Art in the Park, Sierra Vista

October 11-12, Patagonia Fall Fest, Patagonia

October 17-19, Helldorado Days

October 26-27, Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous a Western symposium of Tombstone history.

November

November 1, Cowboy Festival, Empire Ranch

December

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

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://ttr2022.carrd.co/>
 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/>
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<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:

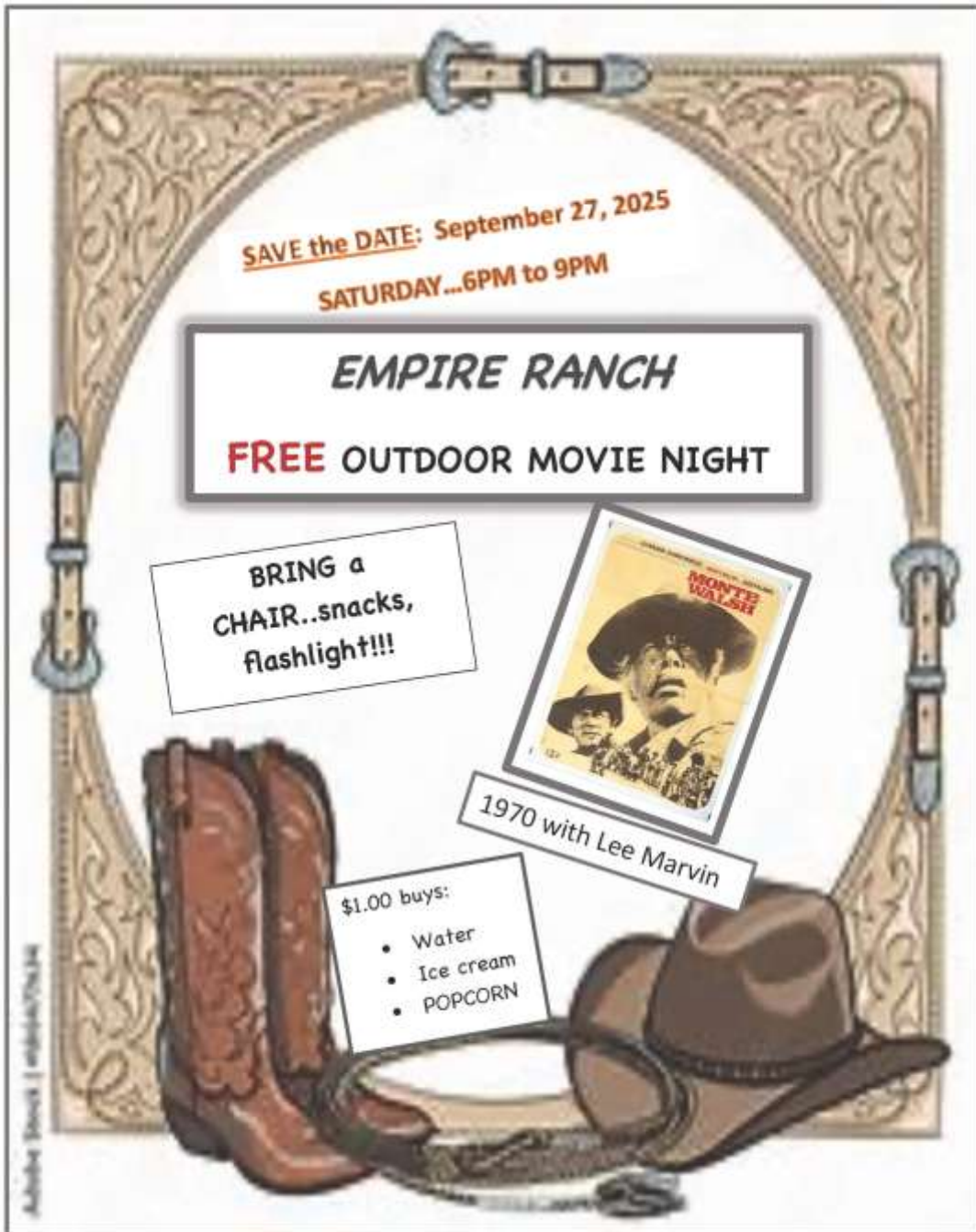
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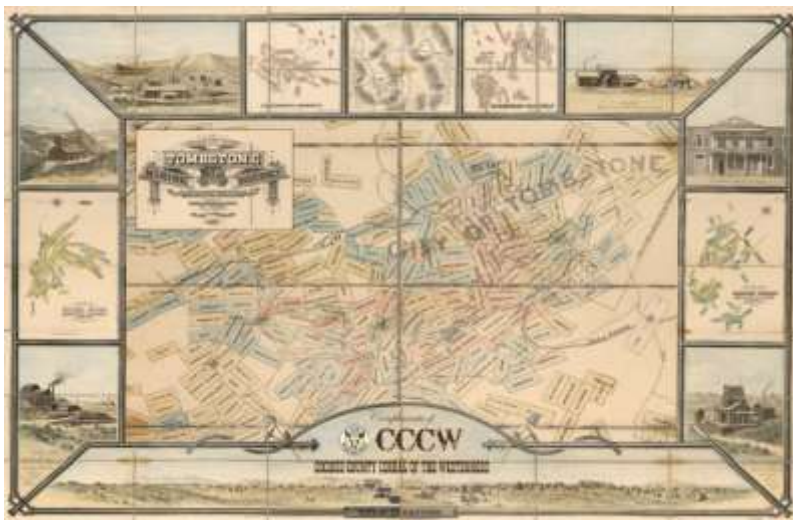


Commemorative Coins

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

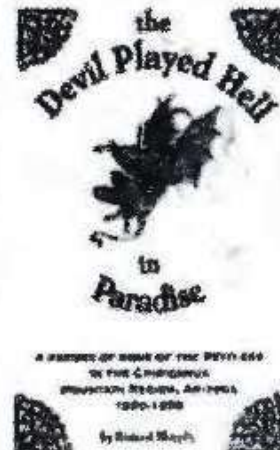
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TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026



LUCKY THIRTEEN

For More Information Contact

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 Tombstone, AZ 85638

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TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS

4TH ANNUAL – 2ND FRIDAY IN MARCH

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

LOCATION: Schieffelin Hall, 4th 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 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

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.:

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

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).

Setup	Your	AZTaxes.gov	Account
This step-by-step guide will help you with new user registration and setting up your AZTaxes.gov account, CLICK HERE .			

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:

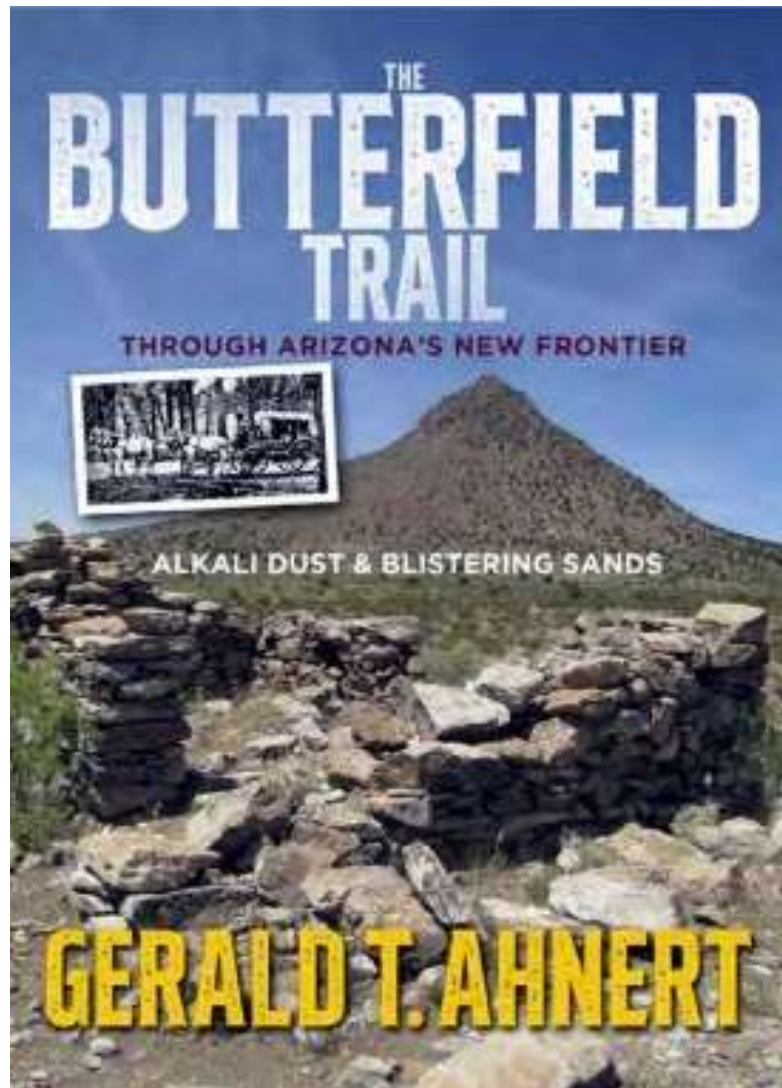
Loc Code	City Code	Bus Code	Description	Gross	Deductions	Taxable	Rate	Tax
COH		17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	6.1	\$6.10
	TS	17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	3.5	\$3.50

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>

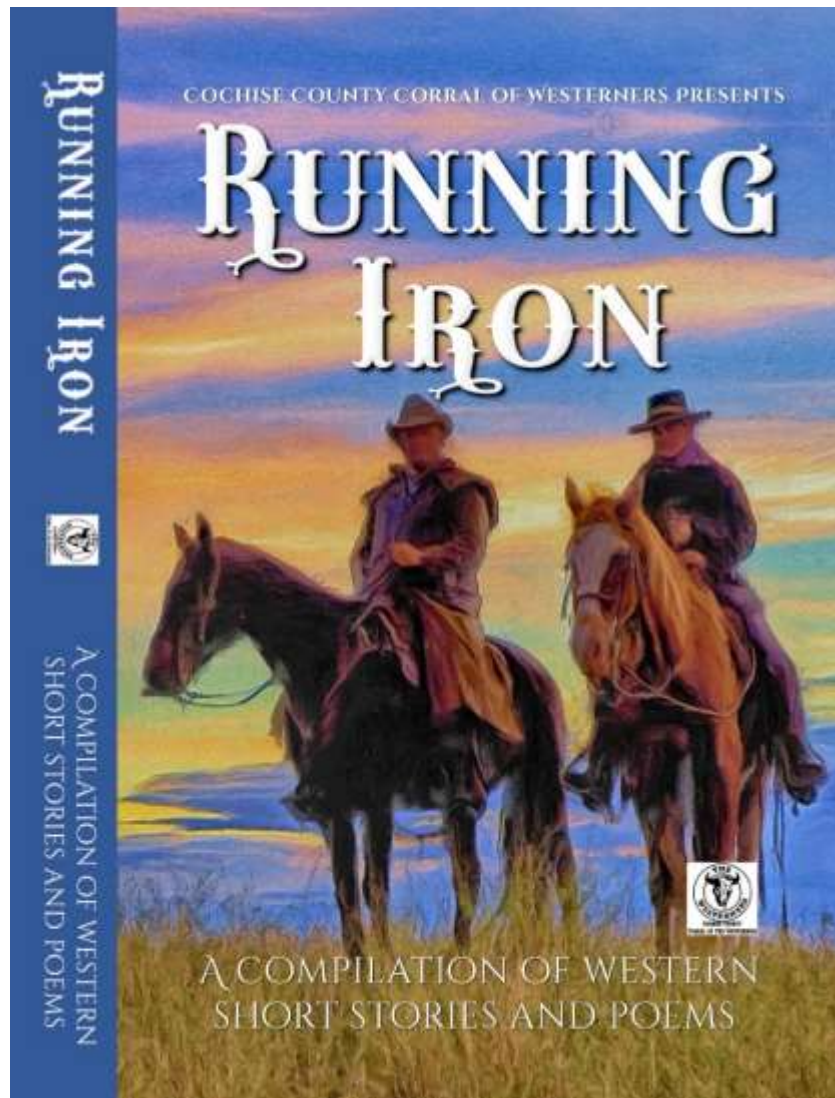
Some have been told by their "accountant" that they don't need a license because they have "too few sales." That's not what the tax code says. Those with few sales might "fly under the radar" and are in trouble if detected. As a show, we draw attention. We are required to keep a list of your TPT numbers. 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.



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October 3rd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

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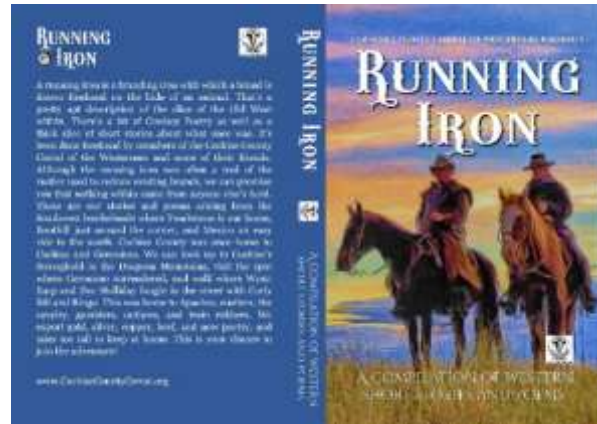
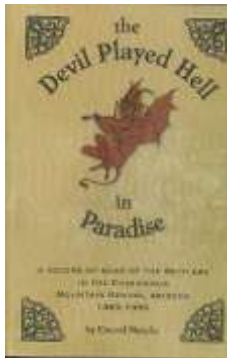
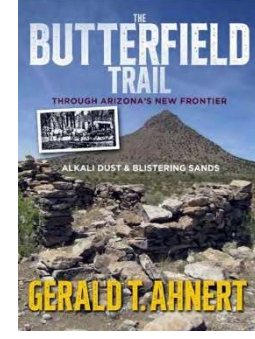
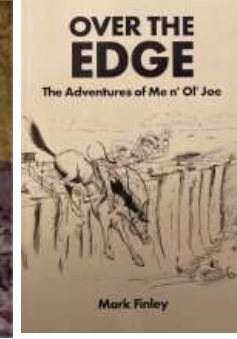
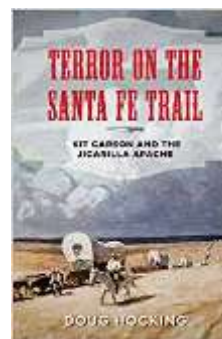
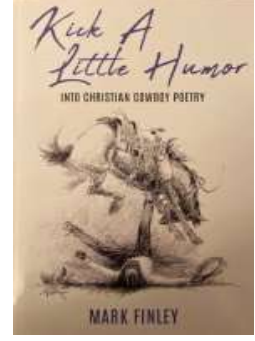
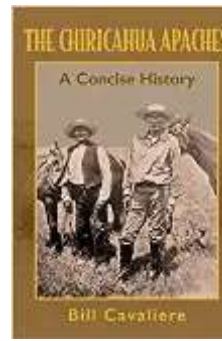
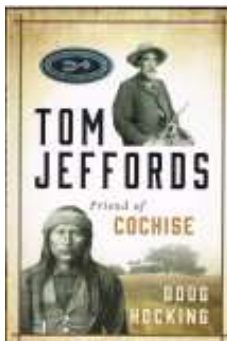
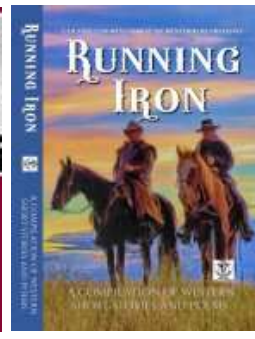
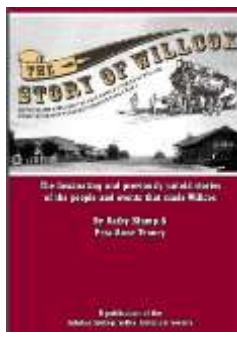
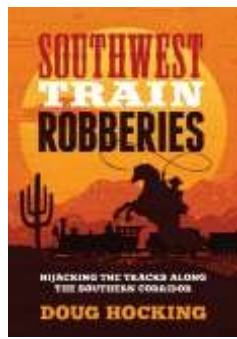
- ★ Exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our Western history
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Or contact Doug Hocking at 520 378-1833 or InkSlings@CochiseCountyCorral.org

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- ❖ 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

- ❖ **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**

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

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

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

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