

# FREMONT STREET MAIL



October 8, 2024

## Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith

Next meeting will be on Thursday, **November 7**, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall, Jean Smith and Ron Woggon talking about a ***Fred J. Dodge: The Target of a Moonlight Murder Plot in Tombstone***. Constable Fred Dodge's life nearly came to an end while serving a summons and property levy on Charleston crime boss Judge Jim Burnett. Learn all about it during this fascinating presentation.

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

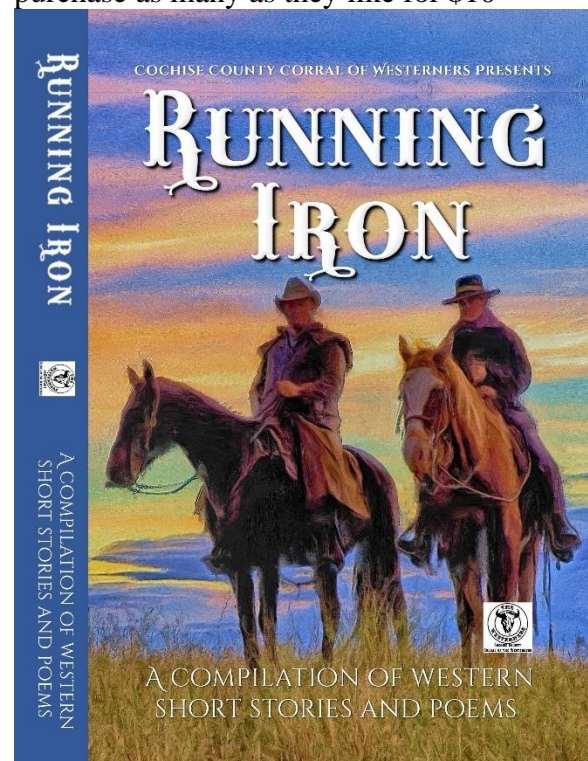


December 5 – ***Poetry and Music for Christmas***. Carol Markstrom will sing. There'll be goodies and Cowboy poetry. Let Roundup Foreman Gary know if you want to bring goodies, have a poem or story, and a show and tell item.

## Recorder of Marks & Brands Jean Smith

### 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



### November means Corral Elections

Elections are coming in November. We need a **Deputy Sheriff**, an assistant for Fred, and a Trail Boss. Let Deputy Sheriff Liz know if you're interested.

### Awards Presented in December

Each year Westerners International with Corrals all over the globe makes a variety of awards. The Corral has once again won the **Heads Up Award for Best Corral**. Bob Spahle won the **Fred Olds Award for Best Cowboy Poetry**. George Van Otten's article Indigenous Agriculture in Cochise County Arizona won the **Coke Woods Award for Best Published Article**. Doug Hocking won second place in **Co-Founders Award for Best Western History** for *Southwest Train Robberies*.

### A Ticket to Ride

The Corral will coordinate with local restaurants and attractions for a ticket to be sold at the Tombstone Festival of Western Books, March 14, 2025, offering discounts and admission at a one price with the ticket only available at the event. Visitors will have to come to Schieffelin Hall to get it and that will bring the public to our door.

### Keeper of the Chips Debora Lewis

As of October 3, 2024:  
Accounts have been reconciled.  
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

61 Ranch Hands  
We have in Checking - \$ 2024.71  
We have in Savings - \$ 1016.02  
Sept Expenses: \$346.47  
Sept Income: \$199.50

*Running Iron* sold on Amazon – 7  
Sold in Corral 10

Encourage your friends to visit, join, and stay with the Corral!

### Trail Boss's Whip Bob Spahle

*Walking 'n Trolly Tour of Tombstone*  
**Saturday, September 14**, went very well. The Gunfighter Museum was outstanding and the gunfight show was great as was the trolley ride.

I'm working with Chuck Smith on a trail ride to Safford on Gila River.

**Let Bob know if ideas for next year's trips:  
(520) 723-1036.**

### Sheriff's Star Doug Hocking

### Authors Section

We want to attract authors and historians to the Corral because these are the circle of our very best speakers. Those who write poetry and historical fiction are fun at our meetings. Those doing original research are looking into real history. There are plenty of folks out there whose knowledge of history comes from high school history books, magazines (sorry, Bob Bell), and leaflets distributed at parks. Most of this history is at best "weak tea." A lot of it is just wrong. So we need those doing original research.

New writers and working historians need help and support. I remember my mother's writing group. It was made up of some wonderful, little old ladies, who read to each other their latest output afraid to attempt to get it published, often for good reason. That's not what we want. We want to provide information about how to get published and how not to get cheated. There are outfits out there that will gladly take \$20,000 to print 200 copies of your book, no matter how bad it is.

The secret of doing history often comes down to knowing where information is stored. That's something we should be sharing and something new historians desperately need. There are many sources of information and wells that can be dipped into but the researcher needs to know where they are and what they contain.

It's also important to understand the context historically of the information and the context of how and why it was recorded and saved. There are folks out there who will find and hoard one document until they can publish it and sometimes beyond. The information is usually available from other sources. What is really important is the interpretation of understanding what the document means in context. Any document that isn't publicly available is worthless since no one can verify that it exists and what exactly it says. Does this remind you of Glen Boyer and a memoir that no one else has ever seen?

There used to be an outfit on line called Editors and Predators that provided information about various organizations offering services to writers. A writer could find out the conditions and prices under which services were offered. It was easy to spot the standout predators.

I'm working on a speakers' bureau for Arizona and New Mexico. Writers and historians need to speak to the public at Corrals, museums, and libraries to make their work available to the public. At the same time, these organizations need to know where to go to find topflight speakers and need to know the conditions under which they will travel.

### Deep Thoughts on History

At the annual convention of the Santa Fe Trail Association at Fort Larned, KS, we heard a great deal about The Doctrine of Discovery on which our Constitution is supposedly based upon, and which invalidates that foundational document. It goes back to 1452 when a Papal Bull by Pope Nicholas V authorized European (Christian) powers to conquer the lands of non-Christians. Unknown, non-Christian lands were to belong to the first monarch who "discovered" them or conquered them. The historical context is that, in 1453, the Eastern or Byzantine Roman Empire fell to the Ottoman Moslems. After 700 years of Moslem advance Europe was fighting back. Spain freed itself in 1491. The Ottomans held Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, and Macedonia until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In Romania they were stopped by Vlad Dracul, the Impaler, known to literature as Dracula. In 1493, Pope Alexander VI divided the world between Spain and Portugal. The lands of non-Christians could, according to the pope, be seized by Christian monarchs.

The dividing line gave Spain the Americas except for Brazil. Portugal ended up with that and a few islands and far-flung outposts. Did the pope have an army to enforce his edict? This is not as strange as it may sound. In the Middle Ages and renaissance, popes had armies that fought against other Italian city-states. But popes usually relied on the armies of Spain, France, and the Holy Roman Empire. The Bull was about keeping the European monarchs from fighting each other over acquisitions. The amount of "new" land and the number of non-Christians effected was hardly understood. The immediate problem was the Moslems. Spain was not yet fabulously wealthy, and Portugal was still significantly wealthy on Far Eastern spice trade. The effect on Native Americans was

that they were recognized as having the use of land but not ownership thereof. Only Christians could truly own land.

Before concluding that European Christian monarchs were dirty, rotten scoundrels – they and their successors were and still are, but not because they're Christians – we must look at the issue behind this which is older and deeper tracing roots to the dawn of civilization. Monarchs and governments claim the ownership of land. We pay them rent in the form of taxes. If we fail to pay, they can take the land from us. They can sell land and alienate to other governments. Before the doctrine of discovery is the concept that government owns land.

We've progressed, somewhat, in that we recognized the right of folks who aren't Christians to own land and enjoy the same rights as ourselves, though perhaps, in the case of non-citizens not those rights reserved to citizens. Europeans and Christians were not alone in this. Moslems do not recognize the rights of non-Moslems, going so far, in some countries to the keeping of slaves.

Although whitewashed with presumed Christian principles, the real issue, since the days when caveman Og hit Zog in the head with a club, has been the ability of a nation or people to hold on to their land and keep others from seizing it. Although Christian, Britain, France, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Russia all laid claim to lands "discovered" by Spain ignoring the pope's dividing line. Russia, as the Soviet Union, went on to seize Eastern Europe. Germany and Belgium came late to the game. During the era of European expansion, China took lands on Taiwan from Polynesians and is continuing to seize property from them in the Philippines to this day. China is working on schemes to take over much of Africa. In the 1980s, Vietnam made bold with Cambodia.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Japan seized Okinawa and Taiwan and went on to take Manchuria.

In heavily populated areas, where land was surveyed and written records kept, ownership was usually honored, except by communists who figured it belonged to the government, or as they put it "the people." Where boundaries and national borders were marked, they were often honored provided the owners were strong enough to defend their rights.

In North America boundaries were not marked or surveyed or recorded in writing by Native Americans whose boundaries were constantly shifting, who stole land from each other much like everyone else.

A brief aside to satisfy those who insist that in 1492 North America was densely populated and subsequently Europeans killed them all. The number given is not based on any sort of census, which would have been impossible. It was based on a USWAG. The number of buffalo in 1804 was estimated by Lewis and Clark's USWAG as 60,000,000 and this is taken as gospel. They saw a lot of buffalo and extrapolated that rather than roaming, the buffalo covered the Plains like so much grass, an unscientific wild ass guess. We know that during the Great Killing of the 1870s, less than 7,000,000 buffalo hides were shipped. We have accurate business records. At the Santa Fe Trail convention, we got a USWAG from one speaker who said, "Yes, but, only one hide in five was shipped; the others were accidentally destroyed!" Any buffalo hunter who was only bringing one hide in five to market would have been out of business almost immediately. Estimating human population without a basis, you can generate any number you like. Coronado said he fought fantastic numbers of Aztecs. In the first Gulf War, we found that if you divided

the number of tanks the Air Force claimed as kills by ten, the result would match the number found destroyed on the ground. The same goes for almost every commander in the field. It sounds better if you're defeated by an enemy that outnumbers you 10 to 1.

So, what are we to do? Change history? As far as I know, that's still impossible. Shall we take the doctrine of discovery out of the law? That would mean recognizing that Native Americans had ownership of land when Europeans arrived. Okay, but who owned what? And what of the claims of the Sioux who owned the land before the Cree or the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache who owned it before the Comanche? Would this mean that no European has proper title? That would cause chaos. The truth is that everyone of us alive today, including Native Americans, has been disposed of their land or has disposed others. We're all owed, and all owe reparations. This way lies chaos. We've recognized the right of non-Christians to own land. That's a good start. We've also recognized some native rights in lands still held by the government. Should we turn all BLM and Forest Service lands over to the tribes? Which tribe? Again, the kind of chaos that makes lawyers rich and robs everyone else of whatever wealth they may have.

We've all been dispossessed and have dispossessed others. We don't have to be victims. We can stand up. My people have been dispossessed. We have a song "Our language is no longer spoken . . . there's a bridge on the Tamar that opens us up to the east, and the English they live in our houses, and the Spanish, they fish in our seas." I'm willing to bet that our identity is so deeply submerged that you can't guess who we are.

## Tombstone Epitaph & Arizonian

Altshuler, Constance Wynn. *Latest from Arizona: The Hesperian Letters, 1859-1861*, 1969. Altshuler collected the stories from Arizona's first newspaper, the *Arizonian*, published in Tubac and later in Tucson whose editor, under the guise *Hesperian*, was a correspondent for the *Missouri Republican*.

Tubac, April 9, 1860

The following thrilling details of captivity, savage barbarity, suffering and final restoration to her friends of one whose misfortunes have lately filled the public ear, will be read with interest. The writer has taken the story as it fell from her own lips and given it to the public without embellishment.

Hesperian

Narrative of Mrs. Larcena A. Page

I had been married but little over two months and was living with my husband Mr. J.H. Page, in a rude cabin at the mouth of the grand canon leading to the pinery of the Santa Rita Mountains. Our family consisted of myself and husband, a little Mexican girl eleven years of age Miriam Kirkland [Mercedes Sais Quiroz] and Mr. Wm. Randall, who was engaged with my husband in the lumber business.

On the morning of the 16th of March, after an early breakfast, my husband left us at camp for the purpose of putting some Mexicans to work and, Mr. Randall going out to kill a deer, Miriam and myself were left quite alone. As it was washing-day, I had started to procure some water when the little girl screamed and said the Apaches were on us. They came up in a run. Having a six-shooter (Colt's Revolver) in my hand, I turned to fire

at them but they were already so close that before I could pull the trigger they had rushed upon me and secured the weapon. They then proceeded to plunder, seizing on everything they could carry off - flour, blankets, clothing &c.; and not satisfied with this, they destroyed the balance. We halloosed and screamed for assistance but the Indians struck me with their lances, and told us to keep quiet or they would kill us. They packed up what they could take and marched us off, hand-in-hand, in a hurried and barbarous manner. After proceeding thus for a quarter of a mile they separated us, in order to prevent our talking together, the little girl being a little in advance of me.

We traveled thus all day over a very rocky and mountainous trail, penetrating deeper and deeper into the mountain and finally almost reaching the summit. Having suffered much from recent attacks of fever and ague I was in a very enfeebled condition, totally inadequate for the fatigues of such a journey; and my inability to travel at the speed which they desired was the cause of my receiving the most brutal treatment at their hands. They several times pointed a six-shooter at my head, as much as to say that my fate was already decided upon and that I was to be made a victim of savage barbarity. The little girl, who was ahead, would occasionally fall back crying, and tell me that the Indians were going to kill me. They spoke but little Spanish yet enough was understood to awaken my fears and fill me with apprehension. I knew that my strength, which was rapidly failing, would admit of my proceeding but little further and that unless my husband and other parties were following to rescue me, I must fall a victim as soon as my strength entirely failed.

We had proceeded then about sixteen miles as nearly as my limited ideas of distance will enable me to judge, and I now lagged behind

so much that my savage captors grew impatient and resolved to kill me. They stripped me of my clothing including my shoes, and left me but a single garment. They then thrust their lances at me, inflicting eleven wounds in my body, threw me over a ledge of rocks or precipice some sixteen or eighteen feet high, and hurled large stones after me to make sure of their victim, and then left me, supposing that I must die and too barbarous to end my misery by entirely extinguishing the spark of life. This occurred near sunset. I had nine lance wounds in my back and two in my arms, and my head was cut in several places by the rocks which were thrown after me, but most of the latter glanced without striking me.

I had alighted on a bank of snow, almost in a state of nudity and in a senseless condition. In counting up my camping places before reaching home, I think I must have laid there in a state of unconsciousness for near three days. When I came to I took some snow and put on my wounds. I recollected the direction traveled and the position of the sun from camp at sunset, and with these guides started for home. My feet gave out the first day and I was compelled to crawl the most of the distance. Did not dare to go down to the foot of the mountain for I could find no water, and was therefore compelled to keep on the steep and rocky mountain. Sometimes after crawling up a steep ledge, laboring hard for half a day, I would lose my footing and slide down lower than the place from which I started. As I had no fire and no clothing, I suffered very much from the cold. I was at a point said to be six thousand feet above the sea, and only wonder that I did not freeze. I scratched holes in the sand at night in which to sleep, and before I could travel was obliged every day to wait for the sun to warm me up. I traveled what I could every day and in the meantime had to subsist on grass alone. On the fourteenth day I reached a camp of some



workmen in the pinery which was untenanted. There I found a little food and some flour which had been spilled on the ground. The fire was not quite out and I kindled it up. Scraped up some of the flour and made me a little cake, the first food I had tasted since I left home. I was now near the workmen in the pinery and within two miles of my home, but was too weak to go on. I could hear the men at work and sometimes saw them, but could not attract their attention. At length I crawled along to the road over which they must pass and was found there and carried home, after being out sixteen days.

St. Louis *Missouri Republican*  
May 8, 1860

*The story from the Arizonian was sent to the Missouri Republican and repeated. As to Sais (pronounced size), we don't know of any relation to Florentino Saiz though we're pretty sure one Sais does not fit all.*



LARCENA PENNINGTON (MRS. WM. F. SCOTT),  
ABOUT 1872

## Poetry Corner

### Makin' of a Bad Man

By Bob Spahle

Three days in the saddle  
Without any rest  
Being trailed by the Rangers,  
They're some of the best.

Robbed a bank in El Paso  
And they took up the trail  
With two people dead  
I won't get no bail.

I didn't mean for it to happen.  
It was almost by chance,  
But I reached in my pocket  
Pulled the pistol from my pants.

You see I hadn't eatin' a week  
And was nigh on death's door.  
Now here I am barely eighteen  
And running from the Law.

Lord, if you can it in you  
To let me get away,  
I promise to make up for it  
Each and every day.

But being broke and hungry  
Can make a man go crazy.  
I'd never been one  
People would ever call lazy.

Last three towns  
No work to be had  
And what I just did  
Would make Mama so sad.

I always lived a simple life  
Abidin' by the law  
But when the bank came and took the ranch  
Why, that was the last straw.

I tried to get work to miles aroun'  
And all I got was a frown  
You see people are packin' up  
And leavin' this little country town.

The drought's been hard these last few years  
And takin' a heavy toll,  
No matter how hard I worked  
I got deeper in the hole.

But I got a wife and baby boy  
And they needed to be fed,  
So, I had to chance a holdup  
Even if I was shot dead.

So, let this be a lesson  
To all you people out there,  
There's no tellin' what you'll do  
When you're hungry as a bear.

It don't take much to wind up  
On the wrong side of the law  
And never speakin' to your family again  
Will never bring you joy.

Lord, if you could see it in you  
To let me get away  
I promise to make up for it  
Each and every day.



## 10 Days in the Saddle

By D.L. Lawson  
From *Running Iron*

10 Days in the saddle and I'm runnin' out of  
grub

No one sees me suffer but the vacant sky  
above

The coyote close behind me and the  
lonesome mourning dove

10 days in the saddle and I'm runnin' out of  
grub

10 days in the saddle and my horse could use  
a rest

We ain't seen grass or water since the day we  
started west

And his feet they are a'draggin' but I know  
he does his best

10 days in the saddle and my horse could use  
a rest

10 days in the saddle and I'm statin' to  
believe

My throat is cut and all the world is dry as  
autumn leaves

When my horse begins to stumble then I'll  
get on off and lead

10 days in the saddle and I'm startin' to  
believe

*Get your copy of **Running Iron** from  
Debora, Keeper of the Chips or on Amazon  
for only \$16.*





## Hollywood Trivia

*The Culpepper Cattle Co.* released in 1972 is considered a revisionist Western. Is it revisionist to tell a good story? Roy Rogers and Gene Autry it ain't. The good guys are no better than they have to be.

The Culpepper Cattle Co. is the story of a young man's coming of age during an 1866 cattle drive. It asks the question: "How many men do you have to kill before you become the great American cowboy?" The farm boy, played by Gary Grimes, talks a gruff trail boss, Frank Culpepper, played by Billy Green Bush, into giving him a job, but soon finds being a cowboy isn't the romantic life he imagined. This film provides an accurate portrayal of the bloody, violent post-Civil War period, warts and all. It's violent and gritty.



## Coming Events – Telegrapher Deborah Lawson

### October

October 11-13 **Patagonia Fall Fest**, Patagonia

October 12 **Bisbee Self-Guided Church Tour** Map and info available near the end of this newsletter.

October 18-20 **Helldorado**, Tombstone

October 23-27 **Tombstone Territory Rendezvous**

### November

November 2-3, **Cowboy Festival, Empire Ranch**, book signing

November 2, **Steak Fry Dinner**, Empire Ranch **STEAK FRY DINNER (Saturday, November 2nd at 4pm)**

Price = \$35/plate. Get your tickets now using the link below.

<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/cowboy-festival/2024-cowboy-festival-program/>

### December

December 14, **Christmas at the Ranch**, Empire Ranch. Book signing

March 2025

March 14 **Tombstone Festival of Western 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/>  
<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>  
<https://tucsonpresidio.com/calendars/>



### 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)

### Blast From the Past

“Successful Indian Battle – Thirteen or more Warriors Killed,” *Arizona Weekly Citizen*, 22 July 1871.

Captain H.M. Smith with his company of infantry, accompanied by trains laden with the company property, and supplies for the Post Trader at Camp Bowie, whither all were going, left Tucson early last week. When about eight miles beyond Cienega Station, the “outfit” being stretched out for a miles, a large band of Indians made an attack on the rear wagons. The company were mostly in

advance. The reports vary as to the details of the fight, but all agree that thirteen or more warriors were killed, and circumstances seem to warrant that not less than twenty had good reasons for not leaving the battlefield.

We are convinced that an attempt has been made to have Captain Smith unjustly reported, and when we get a fuller report, if it materially differs from the one below, we shall present it to our readers. It is our earnest desire to impartially credit all officers with their share of battles, and are of opinion that in this instance Captain Smith acted with bravery. Summing up all reports, we strike an average as follows:

Then the attack was made, the men with the train made as lively fights as possible, until Captain Smith and Lieutenant E.R. Theller arrived from the front. As soon as the officers heard the firing, they returned rapidly with all but a corporal’s guard of men - Captain Smith on horseback and Lieutenant in the ambulance with his wife. Arrived on the ground, a charge was ordered and made with telling effect; at the same time, an order was given to park the train, but it seems that Mr. A.H. Cargill, who was in charge of it, directed the teamsters to move on, which direction was permitted to be observed, the bugle sounded, and the victorious and fighting soldiers called off when dealing death to the savages. The battle raged in the brush, over the hills, and for a mile about. It seems the soldiers promptly obeyed the bugle, and probably expecting to return to the fight, did not make a close examination of the results of their victory, but thirteen dead warriors were seen by them, and also by others who passed by there a couple of days later. The troops lost one private W.H. Harris, killed, and three wounded. Three oxen were slightly wounded, but no mule killed, as at first reported.

The command moved on to San Pedro, where private Harris was buried with military honors. Our latest report says Mrs. Theller was in the midst of flying balls, and at the side of Harris when he fell. Our conflicting reports prevent us from speaking specially of the action of Captain Smith and Lieutenant Theller, but it seems true that both acted promptly and bravely. Whether A.H. Cargil was permitted to thwart the real purposes of Captain Smith, we are not prepared to say, yet such report comes to us from an ambulance driver on the ground at the time, who asserts that the Captain ordered the train parked, but Mr. Cargill objected and carried his point.

### Last Campfire & YouTube

**October Campfire.** Chuck Smith spoke on *Debunking the Myth of Indian Charlie*. Chuck gave an excellent and informative talk letting us know that the “two half-breeds of the Earp Saga” were Florentino Saiz, a wanted man killed by the Earps and probably Apache Hank Swilling. There was no Indian Charlie. Fred made an excellent recording. You’ll find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Pq2bU3zOEPM?si=ia1N7Klkn5K4o4Ui>

It says April but it’s really October.



Check out this podcast with [Doug Hocking](#) as we chat about this book *Southwest Train Robberies*

<https://podcasts.apple.com/.../cochisecou.../id1392269011...>

**Stagecoaches in the Wild West** is another fine video.

[https://youtu.be/Qx\\_-0iRdLIM?si=WfvUxmZerlhoCBQH](https://youtu.be/Qx_-0iRdLIM?si=WfvUxmZerlhoCBQH)

**Pawnee Rock** near Fort Larned in Kansas was an important landmark on the Santa Fe Trail.

[https://youtube/RgoFFP\\_q4v8?si=DiC8k8wnH0d3-TCa](https://youtube/RgoFFP_q4v8?si=DiC8k8wnH0d3-TCa)

**Filming on Federal Land:** BLM, Park Service and Forest Service all have rules that violate our First Amendment Rights. I’ve run afoul of them taking pictures of some of our Corral members and in planning trips for the Corral.

[https://youtu.be/XmnN-EuFSDI?si=2sBdwYugoF65Aq\\_A](https://youtu.be/XmnN-EuFSDI?si=2sBdwYugoF65Aq_A)

### Out & About

On 14 September, Trail Boss Bob Spahle took the Corral on a fun-filled tour of Tombstone. We rode the trolley, visited the Gunfighters’ Museum, and the Gunfight Show.



Bob with the Rifleman’s rifle





At the shootout show



Shoot Out Show

On September 21, Sheriff Doug and Debbie Hocking were invited to speak and had their way paid to the Annual Convention of the Santa Fe Trail Association at Fort Larned,

Kansas. Doug was the final speaker. Dinner, served in an 1850s stone warehouse at the fort without A/C in 95-degree heat, arrived 45 minutes late and we're still uncertain what it was though billed as "enchiladas" w/o sauce.

The theme of the convention was *Santa Fe Trail, Road of Conquest*. Doug spoke about the experience of the Jicarilla Apache pointing out that you may lose the fight but if you fight back you don't have to be a victim. In fact, viewing American Indians as victims is a way of looking down on people who can't help themselves. It was very well received.



It's important that we stand up for the courage and enterprise of our frontier ancestors as well as that of the American Indians who confronted them. Both were no worse than anyone else and, in many ways, much better even if at times they were no better than they had to be.

On September 25, Ranch Hand Gerald Ahnert was the keynote speaker at the Convention of the Arizona Chapter of the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail Association. He spoke on *The Western Desert, My Museum*, talking about the many artifacts he has located and left in place along the trail in Western Arizona. If you're interested in joining this brand-new organization, Sheriff Doug has information.

The sheriff and Debbie represented the Corral at the Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo.

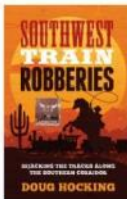
A while back, cowboy Johnny Davenport spoke to the Open Mic in Rodeo, NM, actually at the Rodeo Store which is probably in Cochise County, telling one of his stories about cowboying back when. The story was published in the most recent *Border Vidette*.



Johnny Davenport on Open Mic

The Corral cleaned up on international awards from Westerners International winning in almost every category. Way to go Corral. Way to go Bob Spahle, George Van Otten, and Doug.

**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL  
OF THE WESTERNERS  
TOMBSTONE, AZ**



**Heads Up Award for Best Corral**

**Best Article - George Van Otten**

**Best Cowby Poetry - Bob Spahle**

**Best Western History - Doug Hocking**



Fort Worth Corral Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Zoom program will be presented by Janet Dowling

Sands, Sheriff of Flagstaff Corral who spoke to Cochise Corral a few months ago. Title of



her program is **"The California Missions - Context, Connections, and Surprises"**. Join us for a trip all the way out West for a thought-provoking new take on the California missions and presidios—Spain's final project in the New World.

#### **UPDATED Zoom Link for Fort Worth Westerners monthly meeting**

Bob Saul is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: **Fort Worth Westerners Monthly Program** Time: **7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month** (log on a little early) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99059884120?pwd=MkFJWXM5M1g5VmRxU1A2MkRHVkJFdz09>

#### **Places to Visit**

**Fort Larned, Pawnee Rock, and Dodge City**

They're a bit far off but they're close together and important sites on the Santa Fe Trail. We've just returned from the annual convention of the Santa Fe Trail Association where we learned that while Fort Larned (1859 to 1878) and nearby Pawnee Rock are cool, Larned, KS, is a contender for having the worst food in the United States. It's also not far from Dodge City where a scenic overlook highlights the stockyards as scenic.



Pawnee Rock is 10 feet shorter than it used to be as the locals used it as a rock quarry. Nonetheless, it is still high enough to be seen for many miles in any direction and thus was one of the landmarks that travelers steered for in the trackless Prairie Sea. It is also the site where the on soldier of the Army of the West died in 1846 on its way to conquer New Mexico.



Fort Larned was the launch point for campaigns against the Indians of the Southern Plains. Generals Winfield Scott Hancock and George Custer were both here as were the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the 10<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Soldiers.



Warehouses, officer's quarters, barracks, shops, and the blockhouse have all been restored and furnished. Living historians demonstrate 19<sup>th</sup> century skills.



Among the post commanders was David Bell who fought Jicarilla Apache leader Lobo Blanco, Black Jack Davidson who lost most of his command to the Jicarilla, and Llyod Beale who took French Leave for a year (was there a woman involved?). Upon return he was court martialed and sentenced to a year without pay and privileges of an officer. He was then assigned to Fort Massachusetts, arguably the most remote post in the United States, where the other two officers wouldn't speak to him. Then came the 1855 campaign against the Ute and Jicarilla and he was placed in command and became a hero. Go figure.



Officers' Row, Fort Larned





Living history blacksmith



The blockhouse, last redoubt and guardhouse

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

If you have something to share with the Corral, we'll find a place for it!!

**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**, a old newspaper article.  
**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**

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

**Places to Visit**

**Hollywood Trivia**

**Corral Members at Large, 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. She can post and highlight, share, and create events. If you want to know what's happening, the information is on our page.

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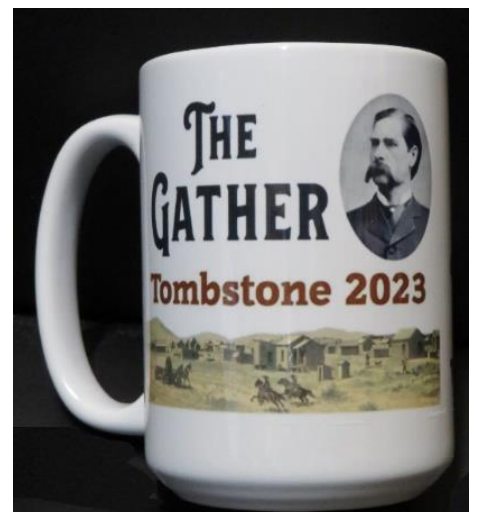
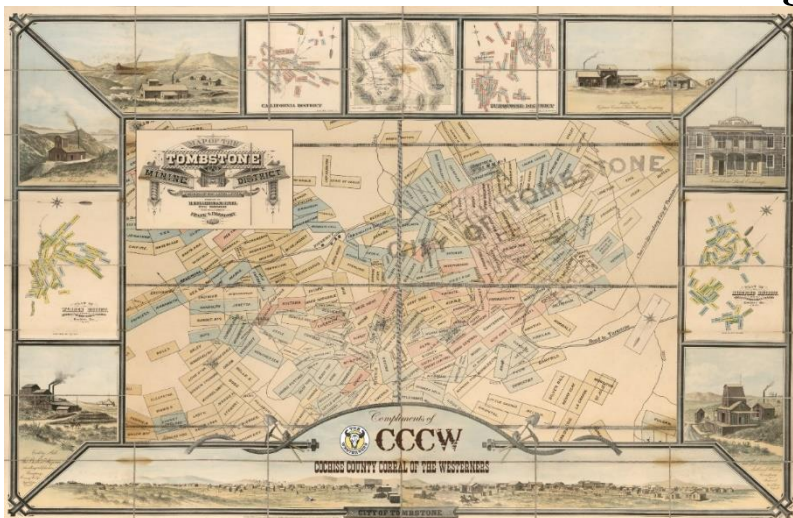
## **General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins**



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.

**These 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  
Or Faro Dealers Mike & Anne at the next meeting**



## COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

November 7th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

**FREE**



### Fred Dodge: The target of a moonlight Murder Plot in Tombstone

Constable Fred Dodge's life nearly came to an end while serving a summons and property levy on Charleston crime boss Jim Burnett. Learn all about it during this fascinating presentation by historian's and researcher's Jean Smith and Ron Woggon.



**See You at Schieffelin Hall**  
4th and Fremont in Tombstone

Regular meetings at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month  
Join a Renowned Corral winner of Heeds Up Award  
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Pre-meeting dinner, 5:30 PM at the Longhorn Restaurant, 5th & Allen



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- ★ Exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our Western history
- ★ Read the interesting *Border Vistas* and the *Fremont Street Mail*

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Or contact Doug Hocking at 520 378-1833 or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

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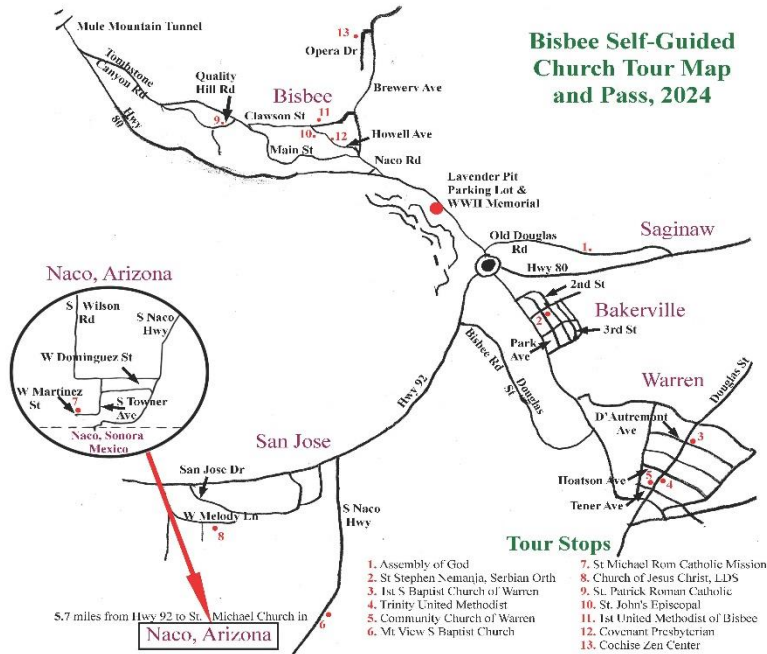
## BISBEE SELF-GUIDED CHURCH TOUR

Building a Community of  
Faith, One Church at a Time



**Saturday,  
October 12, 2024  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Information at 520-432-3107



## Bisbee Self-Guided Church Tour Map and Pass, 2024

### Tour Stops

1. Assembly of God
2. St Stephen Nemanja, Serbian Orth
3. 1st S Baptist Church of Warren
4. Trinity United Methodist
5. Community Church of Warren
6. Mt View S Baptist Church
7. St Michael Rom Catholic Mission
8. Church of Jesus Christ, LDS
9. St. Patrick Roman Catholic
10. St. John's Episcopal
11. 1st United Methodist of Bisbee
12. Covenant Presbyterian
13. Cochise Zen Center



**1. Assembly of God**  
40 Old Douglas Rd

This is the oldest pentecostal and Assembly of God church community in Arizona, starting as a tent revival in 1912. Join the congregation at 6 p.m. on the day of the tour for a night of worship in their courtyard, with campfire and refreshments. There will be a donation box at the entrance of the church.



**2. St Stephen Nemanja Serbian Orthodox**  
216 Park Ave (Bakerville)

The church hall was blessed and opened in late 1939. The current church was dedicated in 1954. A bake sale, including Serbian delicacies, will be held in the church hall.



**3. First Southern Baptist Church of Warren**  
500 Arizona St

The church organized in September 1946 and consecrated in church building the next year. The church endeavors to share the message of salvation with all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status.



**4. Trinity United Methodist**  
216 Arizona St (Warren)

The congregation originally met in Old Bisbee, and the new church began holding services in 1924. The Holy Moly Thrift Store Mission will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit area nonprofits.



**5. Community Church of Warren**  
201 S Arizona St

This Spanish Renaissance-style church was completed in August of 1925. Baked goods will be for sale, and a future cookbook is expected to be available next year.



**6. Mountain View Southern Baptist Church**  
1681 S Naco Hwy

The original San Jose Bible Baptist Church met for the first time in the Pinck Building in Bakerville on March 27, 1955. The church was organized on Easter Sunday, 1955. The first auditorium, now the fellowship hall, was completed in mid 1955. The newer and larger sanctuary was completed in 1962.



**7. St Michael Roman Catholic Mission**  
2090 W Martinez St (Naco)

It is a mission of St. Patrick Church, dedicated on October 1, 1939. Located in Naco, Arizona, members will be selling pastries from Naco, Sonora, along with hot chocolate, ice tea and coffee. Visitors will also receive a paper flower as a souvenir of their visit.



**8. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
611 W Melody Lane

This Post-Modern-style chapel, was dedicated in the 1960s. Later additions made to the building included the cultural hall and kitchen. Along with a tour of the building, a representative will be available to introduce the Family History Library and answer any questions. Refreshments provided.



**9. St Patrick Roman Catholic Church**  
100 Quality Hill Rd

Built in the Gothic Revival style, the church's first Mass was celebrated in 1917. The parish's annual Fall Festival in the church hall (below the church) starts at 11 a.m. and will include food, games, and a silent auction.



**10. St John's Episcopal**  
19 Sowles Ave

Services began in the present building in 1904 when Tiffany-style stained glass windows were installed by the altar. The sanctuary's stained glass was dedicated on Pearl Harbor Day, 1941. Light refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall.



**11. First United Methodist of Bisbee**  
23 Clawson St

Old Bisbee's Methodist church was built, circa 1900, surviving a neighboring fire in 1901. The church will have a donation jar and food bank, with donations going to the Cochise County Food Collective.



**12. Covenant Presbyterian**  
19 Howell Ave

Executives of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company helped finance the church that was finished in 1903. It is famous for its Swedish tin organ pipes and cherry wood interior. Services are held each Sunday at noon.



**13. Cochise Zen Center**  
250 Brewery Ave

Founded in 2003 the center, rooted in Zen Buddhism, supports people in meditation practice. What started as a small group is now one of the largest meditation communities in southern Arizona and is an affiliate of the Kwan Um School. The community welcomes everyone, regardless of belief, experience, background, or ability.

### FOR OVER 100 YEARS Cochise

County has been home to numerous churches, many designed with outstanding architectural features. Bisbee is fortunate to have had financial help from the mining industry and from the dedicated miners and their families who supported the construction of these houses of worship. The "boom days" of mining inspired elaborate structures in Old Bisbee and surrounding communities. Later, a number of congregations built post-modern churches in Bisbee.

Learn about these churches and marvel at the architectural features of each of the 13 buildings on the free, self-guided tour, sponsored by the Bisbee Restoration Museum and Cochise County Historical Society.

Many of the churches will be holding fundraisers the day of the tour. See church descriptions in this brochure for details.

A special "thank you" goes out to the Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum and the Bisbee Visitor Center for sharing their promotional resources for this tour. Also, thank you church congregations and docents for making this fine-art history tour possible!

**2024 TOMBSTONE TERRITORY RENDEZVOUS**  
**AND WWAH REGIONAL ROUNDUP REGISTRATION**  
**October 23 - 27, 2024**

Please confirm attendance before October 1, as we need to have an accurate count for food, name tags, and other event arrangements.

Registration is \$100 for each single person attending the entire Rendezvous & \$175 for each couple, & \$40 for those attending the WWAH Regional Roundup on Saturday only. There will be a reduced fee of \$40 for speakers. The fees cover the Wednesday tailgate luncheon, hall rental, Saturday night dinner, extra activities, plus drinks & snacks at speaking events.

Please mail registration form with a check or money order payable to:  
Jean E Smith - Tombstone Territory Rendezvous  
The mailing address is: 993 E Jennings Street - Safford, AZ 85546

If you prefer, you may pay at the Rendezvous, but please mail the registration form to the above address, or email it to:  
[tombstonerendezvous@gmail.com](mailto:tombstonerendezvous@gmail.com) before October 1.

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

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Name(s) of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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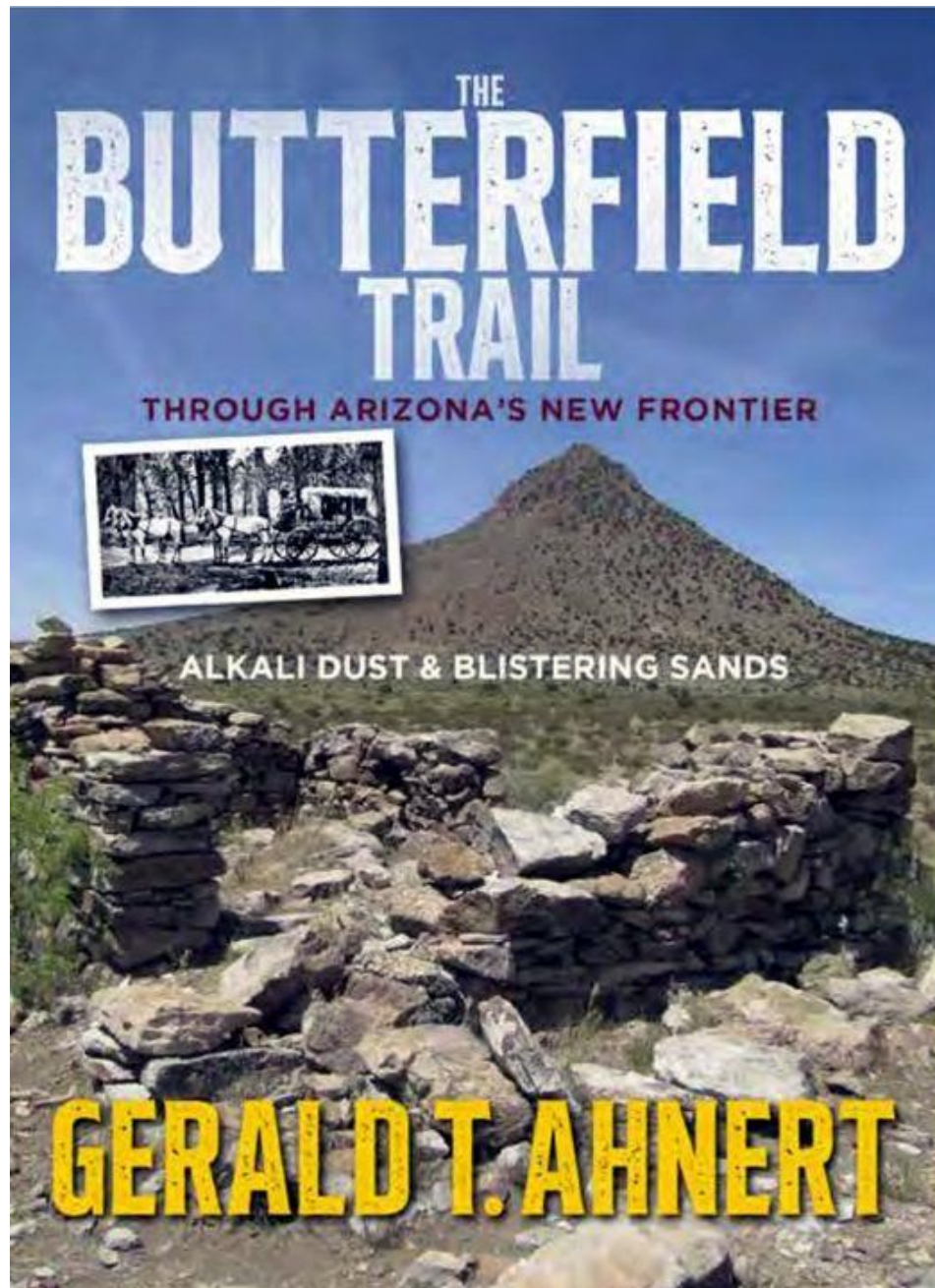
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Saturday Only \_\_\_\_\_

Questions, please email [tombstonerendezvous@gmail.com](mailto:tombstonerendezvous@gmail.com)

You must be registered & have a name badge to participate in the events. For more information, check our Tombstone Territory Rendezvous Facebook page, or [www.tombstoneterritoryrendezvous.com](http://www.tombstoneterritoryrendezvous.com) website (where you will also find suggestions for booking your stay).

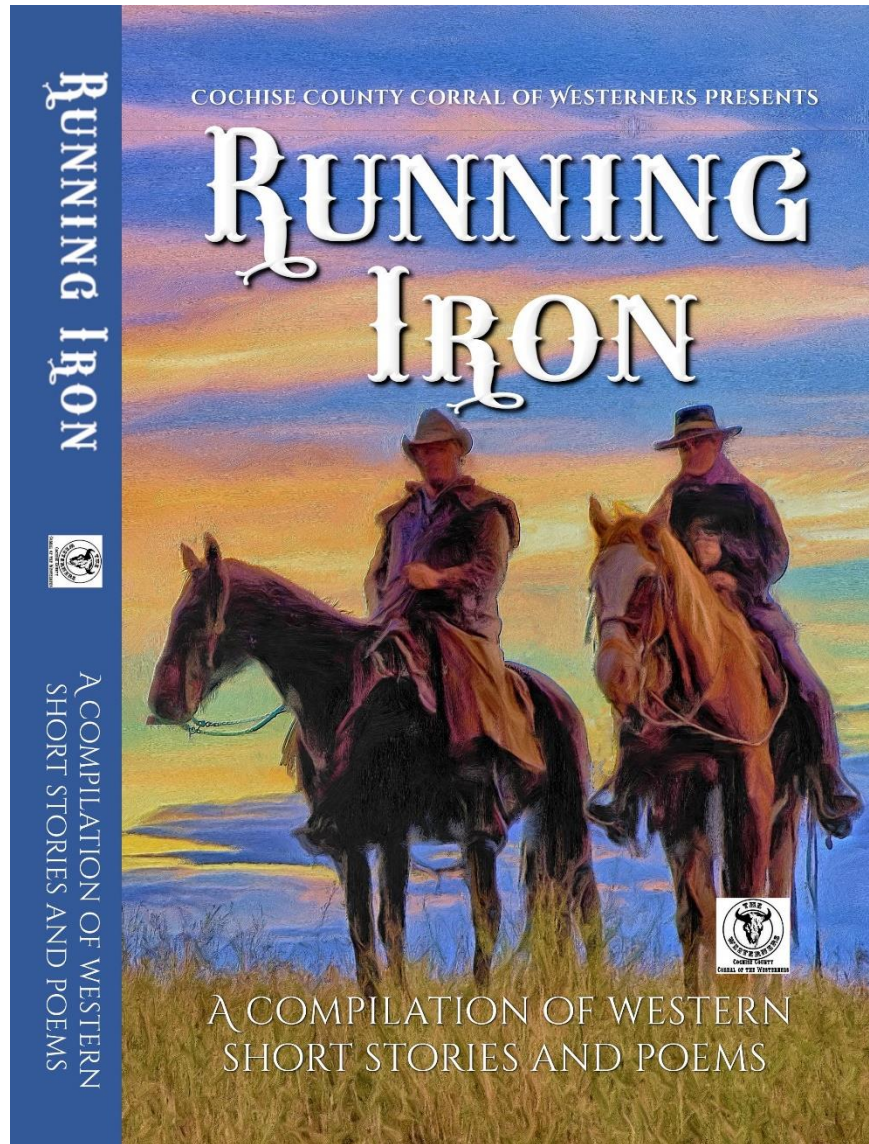
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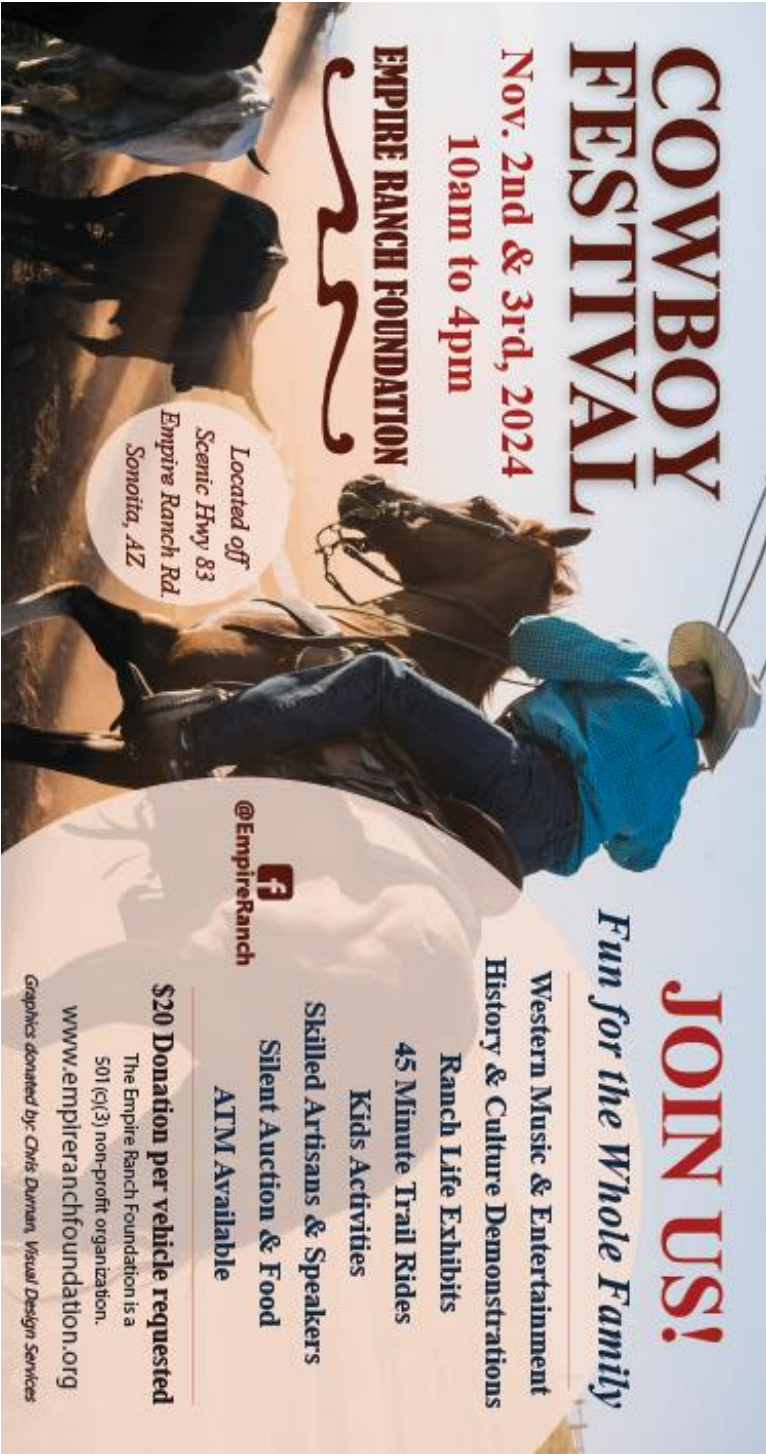




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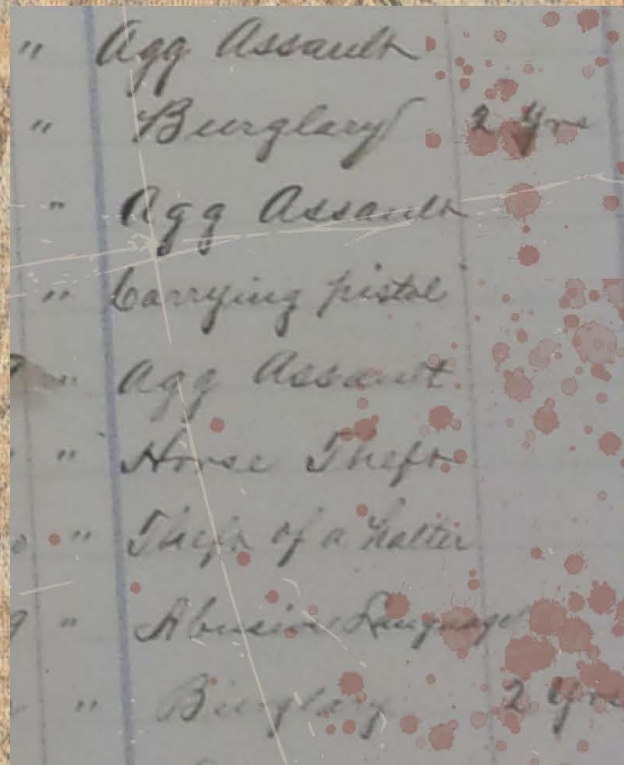


## Tuesday Talks With Dr. Deborah Liles

### "Murderers, Drunkards, and Thieves."



October 8th  
6:00 - 7:00 PM



As the 19th Century ended, law and order in Erath County faced some interesting challenges. What kinds of crimes were being committed and what punishment was given for these crimes? Details from an old Erath County jail log dating from 1877 to 1910 tell the story of a county in transition, including the types of crimes being committed, who was accused of committing these crimes, and which deputies did the arresting. Join us for a unique snapshot into the interpretation of crime and punishment in early Erath County. Zoom link available on request.

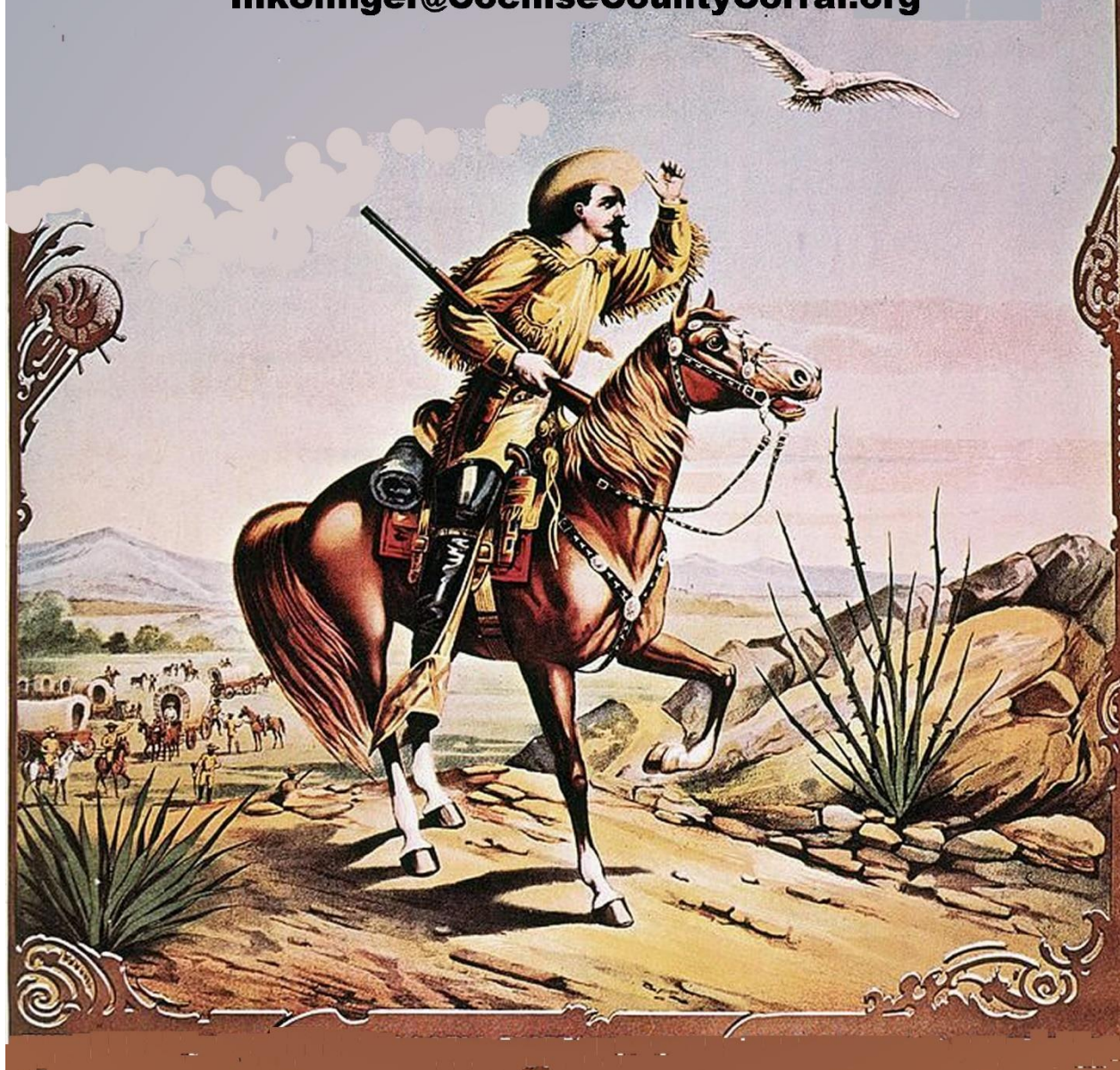


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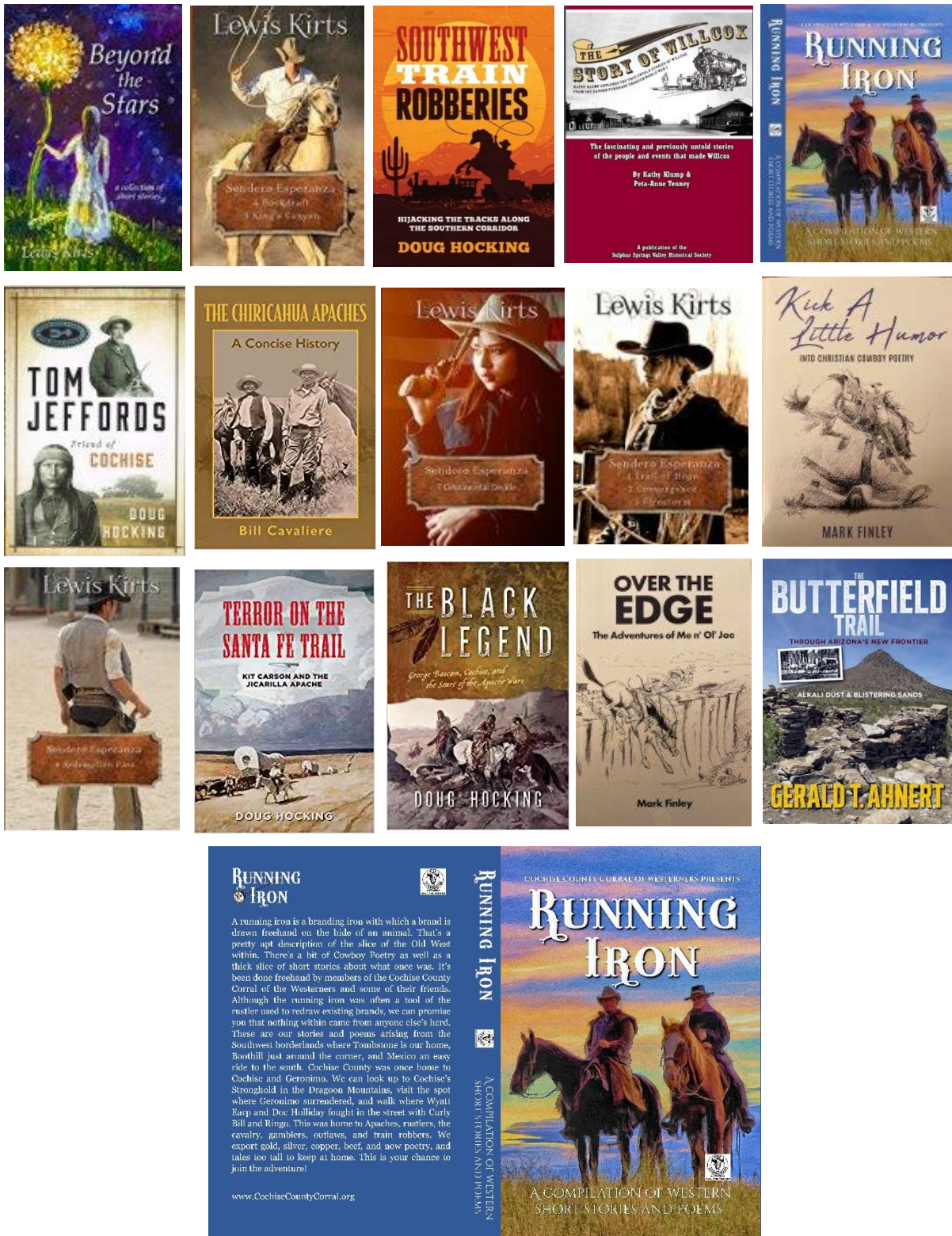
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**2025 Tombstone Festival of Western Books**  
***Friday, March 14, 2025***  
**Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ**  
**The day prior to the Tucson Festival of Books**  
**Authors & Exhibitors Contact**  
**[InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)**

A detailed illustration of a cowboy on a brown horse, galloping through a desert landscape. The cowboy is wearing a yellow shirt, a brown hat, and a fringed poncho. He is holding a long rifle in his right hand and waving with his left. The horse is galloping towards the right. In the background, there are mountains, a small town, and a herd of cattle. A white bird is flying in the sky. The illustration is framed by ornate scrollwork in the corners.







Membership Form October 2021



## The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

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
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western Frontier History
- ❖ 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 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**

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Information contact: Sheriff Doug Hocking [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) or (520) 378-1833

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