



June 9, 2026

FREMONT STREET MAIL

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet
Gary Smith



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 to join us!



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

July 2nd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Presenter:
Christopher T. DeMille



The Soldier in Territorial Arizona

What equipment did a soldier in the army have?
What food did they eat?
Ft. Huachuca Museum Education Program

Manager Christopher DeMille will tell the Fascinating story of a soldier's life in the Territory of Arizona.

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Editorial Comments

Lindsey Zimmerman

OK! 3rd try to get out a good edition of the Mail - Don't give up on me yet! Kudos to Doug for having such patience while I learn the ins & outs of Word. It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks! My biggest problem seems to be the conversion of what I do, to a pdf for mailing. They just don't seem to jive with the way I'm doing some things, but I guess I'll get the hang of it. Send me wishes for Good Luck!

Welcome New Member Chuck Potucek!

Doug says Chuck has been Sierra Vista's City Manager for at least 30 years. Welcome, Chuck!!

Welcome New Member Ric Simmons!

Not only is Ric a new member, but he is also our new **Telegrapher** and will be handling our **Facebook Website**. I don't do Facebook, but I'm sure our site will be great. As with myself, I'm sure it's going to take a while for Ric to come to his full potential, and it's sure great to have him!!

I really enjoyed learning about B.A. Packard & becoming acquainted with Cindy & her son. She sold every book she brought with her!

You Tube & Last Campfire

Doug Hocking



At the June 4 Campfire, **Cindy Hayostek** spoke on the Connections of B.A. Packard. Packard came early to Tombstone investing in mines. One evening after returning home, and knowing nothing about the happenings at the O.K. Corral, he

found a cowardly Ike Clanton hid out in his home! After some discussion, he allowed him to stay, and found him gone the next morning. He made connections with everyone from Sheriff Texas John Slaughter, Colonel Greene of the Copper Skyrocket, to Pancho Villa. He invested in ranching and banking and served in the territorial legislature. Everyone seemed to enjoy the talk & had questions afterwards.

Prior, we got a One Minute History from Roundup Foreman **Gary Smith** covering Pumpkinville which almost became the state capitol, and heard that the June skies will be full of alignments, meteors & a Strawberry Moon.

Mark Finley performed his latest & greatest poem, which will be in the next issue of *The Mail*.

If you missed Campfire, **Fred** got a great recording and you can view it on **YouTube** at:

https://www.youtube.com/live/94uFX7eBHqg?si=xKrx2t_8nur7YTjz

You can find our **Facebook** page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral>

We encourage you to share our announcements widely, as this brings in new members.

Our **Website** is located at:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/> and you'll find photo albums, our publications and announcements of coming events. We encourage you to contribute to and to read our journal, *The Border Vidette*, which you'll find at:

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

Keeper of the Chips

Deborah Lewis



Account Reconciled

58 Ranch Hands paid for 2026

Checking: \$3008.79

Savings: \$1021.93

Income 5/1-5/26/26: \$99.50

Expenses 5/1-5/26/26: \$90.10

Profit \$ 9.40

Amazon Royalties to-date: \$54.34

CCCW Book Sales: \$1564.00

CCCW Book Expense: \$866.79

Profits: \$697.21

Website Metrics:

www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

May 12:

Visitors 371, with 45 in last 7 days

55 Social Views, with 20 in the last 7 days

We scored in the top 50% of all non-profit websites for visitors!

Recorder of Marks & Brands

Jean Smith



The date is set for the 2027 Festival of Western Books! -- Friday, March 12--

- ❖ Doug & Lindsey are going to get together before our next Campfire & straighten out the **Library** so it will be ready to start lending again & for the new Librarian, who may *possibly* be Lindsey.
- ❖ We need an immediate replacement for Bob Spahle! There are no Trail Rides arranged for this year. Perhaps, YOU would like to set one up for us! Let us know!
- ❖ Doug went over the set-in-stone dates that the Corral needs to meet during the year. They will be in a forthcoming edition of the *Mail*.

Cindy, our speaker, told Lindsey about a website our Corral might be interested in:

borderlandchronicles.com

<https://www.theborderchronicle.com>

<https://borderlandchronicles.blogspot.com>

Sheriff's Star June 2026

Liz Severn



We got an incoming email from Christine Rhodes sent to Doug & Debbie Hocking:

“Thanks! I do keep up with ‘going’s-on’ by your wonderful e-mailed publications!

Hello and Love to all!”

Christine is one of the Founding Members and a Life Member of our Corral. We’re talkin’ 40 yrs! She helped to save our County Records from the State once upon a time. The Corral sends a “Love You Back!” to her.

Doug sent Lindsey copies of the Corral’s **Flyer & Brochure** & she has volunteered to take them around town to businesses to see if they will display them to help inform folk of Westerners.

As of May 9th, Debora purchased 151 books for Members, of which we have 6 or 7 left in the Library. We’ve sold 20 through Amazon, for a total of 171. Debora is also the Member who puts together these books. Later in the Mail, you will see what our third book will look like. Deadline for entries is October. Get your stories & poems to her: deboraklewis@yahoo.com

During the month of July, the Membership needs to think long and hard about becoming a Corral Officer. We will need a slate of Officers for the August issue of The Mail. Voting will take place in November. Liz will be stepping down, so there needs to be a new Sheriff in town, along with other positions. Step up! Get involved! Time to pass the torch from some who have served in positions for years. If Westerners is important to you, volunteer!

This year, America celebrates its 250th year as a nation. We start all our Campfires with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country, and a salute to Old Joe. We hope some of you will share pictures from your July 4th celebrations for the following issue of *The Freemont Street Mail*.

And, PLEASE, don’t forget to VOTE in this year’s primary & election!!



More Great News!!

Ft. Huachuca has been chosen as one of two Army posts in the country that will be receiving the Pentagon’s anti-drone defense pilot program, using microwave and laser technology to protect military installations from air attack.



The LOCUST directed-energy system was deployed to the southern border earlier this year, and tested at White Sands Missile Range.

The Pentagon plans to install laser and microwave weapon systems at five bases in the United States by year’s end, to defend the important installations from aerial drones.

On Thursday the military’s task force overseeing drone policy [announced](#) that five bases will be participating in the directed-energy counter-unmanned aircraft systems pilot program. They are Fort Bliss in Texas, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri and Naval Base Kitsap, Washington.

“Countering unlawful and adversarial drone activity is a homeland defense imperative,” Army Brig. Gen. Matt Ross, Joint Interagency Task Force 401 director, said in the release. “There is no ‘silver bullet’ to address this challenge, and this pilot program integrates cutting-edge technology into the department’s broader counter-drone toolkit.”



Cochise County Public Information Officer Jane Montgomery

📍 Land. Opportunity. Freedom.
Cochise County’s 2026 Spring Tax Deed Land Sale is coming soon, with online bidding through PublicSurplus.com from June 24 through July 8.

📅 Preview begins June 10, when available property information, parcel lists, photos, maps, and auction details will be posted on PublicSurplus.com and at cochise.az.gov/taxdeedsale.

👁️ Looking for rural land? An investment opportunity? A future homesite? This sale may be worth a look.

✅ Important reminder: All properties are sold “as-is, where-is.” Potential buyers are responsible for doing their own research before bidding, including questions about zoning, access, utilities, floodplain status, easements and any other property considerations.

For more information, visit:

cochise.az.gov/taxdeedsale

Questions? General: TDLA@cochise.az.gov

Auction support:

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thru
JULY 8TH

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JUNE 10TH

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JUNE 10TH & 17TH

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Deed issued free of delinquent property taxes
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VIEW AVAILABLE PROPERTIES

Parcel lists, photos, maps, and auction
details will be available starting
June 10th on:



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IMPORTANT: DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE

Buyers are solely responsible for
researching zoning, access, utilities,
floodplain, and all other property
considerations prior to bidding.

All properties are sold "as-is, where-is."

KEY REMINDERS

- ✓ All sales are final.
- ✓ Payment in full required within
5 business days.
- ✓ Buyer's Premium and
Administrative Fee apply.
- ✓ See Terms and Conditions
for details.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE CONTACT:



General Questions:
TDLA@cochise.az.gov



Auction site support Buyer Support:
buyersupport@publicsurplus.com



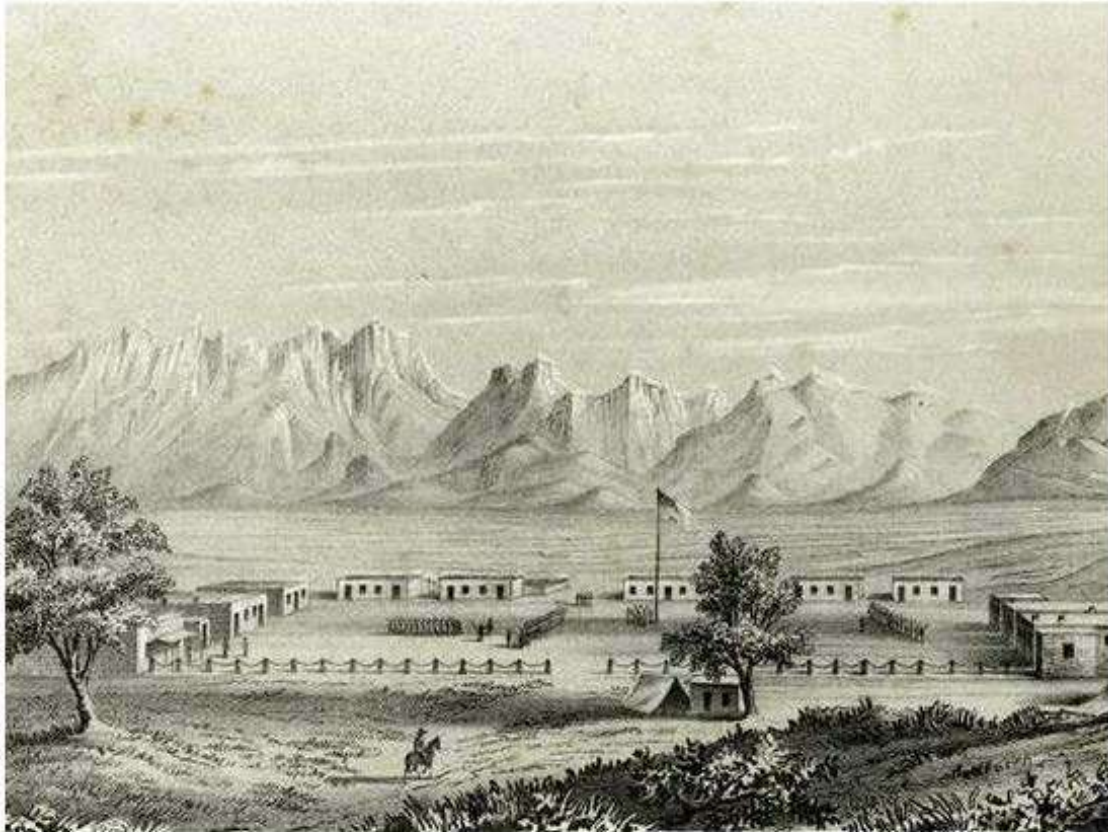
**Parcel specific questions need to be
asked in the question section of
the auction listing.**

Don't miss this opportunity TO OWN LAND IN BEAUTIFUL COCHISE COUNTY!



Visit **cochise.az.gov/taxdeedsale** for more information.

**NEW MEXICO CHAPTER
BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL ASSOCIATION
Wednesday June 10, 6 PM Mountain, 5 PM AZ
Time**



Meeting on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83862812736>

Connects to the Waiting Room

Everyone welcome. We have some great chats about the history of the Overland Trail and everyone gets to chip in. You are encouraged to join the Butterfield Overland Mail Association with New Mexico as your local chapter.

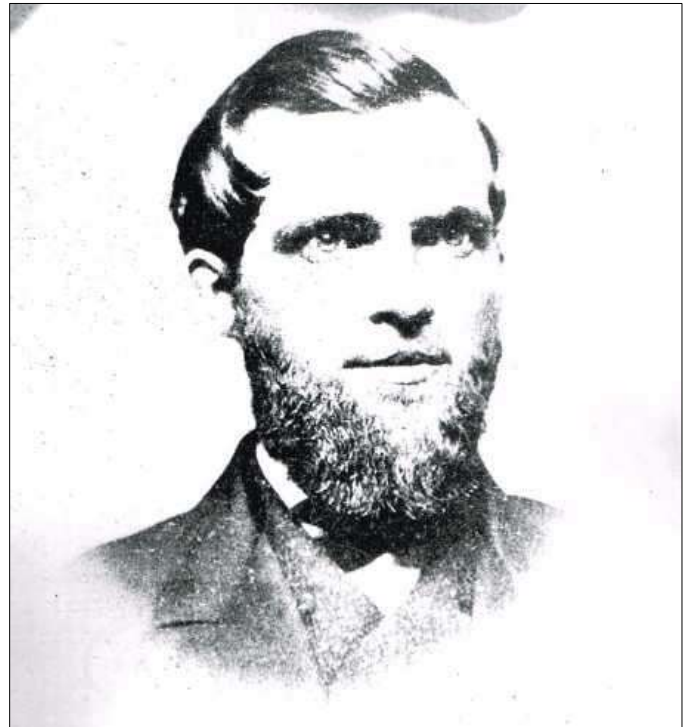
Deep Thoughts On History
Doug Hocking

A friend and I are discussing the 1861 Bascom Affair. I've written about defending the role of Lieutenant George Bascom. He is writing a biography of Surgeon John Bernard Dowling Irwin and has recently come across an 1991 article that purported to be based on the transcript of a court martial board that convened January 21 to 25, 1861, at Fort Buchanan. The discussion raises many of the issues of "knowing" in history.

We both recognize the value of primary documents over secondary. Primary are those written by someone who was there as opposed to secondary sources. These latter are based on primary accounts and thus include articles and books written by historians as well as by amateurs such as the writers of many modern newspaper and magazine articles. I tend to value newspaper articles by reporters who had recently spoken to participants nearly as much as many primary sources. My friend tends to discount primary sources written many years after the event whereas I tend to find them extremely valuable. Lieutenants Bascom and Moore were not men for who writing came easily and their accounts are very brief, lacking. Sergeant Robinson wrote extensive articles as did Surgeon Irwin but they wrote them 30 years after the event.

That brings us to the issue of how our memory works and at times deludes us. The way we first hear or read the story. The details stay with us often leading us in the wrong direction. More on this problem in a moment.

Currently, we are looking at a recent history that includes many facts we both recognize as astoundingly wrong and some as interesting but problematic since no source is given. The writer of the history and I are friendly acquaintances who share a common friend. I think that friend may have been the source of some of the interesting material which he would have referenced as his own conclusions, not as established facts.



George Nicolas Bascom

The historian said words to the effect that, "Lieutenant Bascom veered off the trail he had been following along the Babocomari Creek going towards Dragoon Springs. If he had continued to follow it, he would have seen that it led to the Aravaipa Apache." I can't think of any primary source this could have come from. It's not in Bascom's reports, nor in any of the other primary sources. I vaguely recall a discussion with the mutual friend in which he suggested the trail would have led from the Babocomari to South Pass of the Dragoons and up the Sulphur Springs Valley following water since the Apache were driving a herd of 20 cattle. This would have led very close to Apache Pass and Cochise. My observation was that by going to Dragoon Springs, Bascom stood a chance to get ahead of them although it is clear by this point that not only Bascom but his commander and almost everyone else saw a trail along the Babocomari as a sure sign of Cochise's involvement.

My friend who is writing about Irwin is trying to remain true to primary documents by considering only those documents written in 1861.

Unfortunately, he's looking at the 1991 article that appears without footnotes quoting a document that

is not readily available and no one else has referenced. The article also includes material that would not have been in the document referred to and which are not based on established fact.

In the 1960s, Dr. Ben Sacks and Constance Altshuler concluded from newspaper articles that Johnny Ward's stepson, Felix, and his herd of cattle had been taken on January 27, 1861, by Apache raiders. However, some contemporary material read January 21, a possibly misreading of handwriting between a 1 and a 7. Either way, this 6-day difference disallowed Charles Poston's four-month delay in Army response as he had claimed the raid came in October 1860. It is well established that soldiers of the 1st U.S. Regiment of Dragoons visiting Fort Buchanan from Fort Breckenridge, as escort for officers on court martial duty, had accompanied Lieutenant Bascom helping him to locate the trail along the Babocomari. If the trial was over on the 25th, the 21st dating becomes more likely, but nothing changes. On January 29, 1861, Bascom still departed Fort Buchanan in command of the balance of Company C, 7th U.S. Infantry on his way to Apache Pass.

The 1890 articles reference Johnny Ward going along to Apache Pass and being present in Bascom's tent when he interviewed Cochise and his brother Coyuntura. Fort Buchanan had a Spanish interpreter on payroll. There is no mention of him at Apache Pass. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. He might have been with Lieutenant Bascom but the tent would have been crowded. If you disallow the 1890 articles, the importance of Ward's presence as interpreter is missed and that presence may explain the subsequent behavior of Bascom and Cochise.

The 1991 article concerning the court martial says that Sergeant Reuben Bernard went with Bascom to find the Babocomari trail. It is unlikely that his name is in the transcript. Unit records show a man on leave through this period without mentioning a name. Bernard's biographer has him in Tennessee during the 1860 election making it likely that he is the man on leave.

Our first Arizona historian, Sid Delong, was sutler at Fort Bowie in the 1870s when Reuben Bernard was assigned there. Delong wrote that Bernard, the "wise sergeant," went with Bascom, the "stubborn lieutenant," and captured Cochise near the Whetstone Mountains although Cochise escaped leaving six of his people captive. The 1991 article implies that this information comes from the transcript, or maybe not. It may have been assumed to be common knowledge. There are no footnotes to tell us where the information came from.

We have the unit diary, Bascom's two reports, Moore's report, contemporary newspaper articles and letters all telling us that Lieutenant Bascom and Company C were sent to Apache Pass by Lieutenant Colonel Pitcairn Morrison, commander of the 7th Infantry and Fort Buchanan. The Whetstone Mountain adventure is a fiction.

Bascom set up camp at Apache Pass on February 5, 1861, and invited Cochise to come in for parley. He had 66 soldiers with him. From the 1890s articles of Robinson and Irwin we know that Cochise arrived at noon with his brother, two warriors, his wife and two boys. Everyone was fed. Bascom tells us that he asked Cochise for the return of Johnny Ward's stepson, Felix, and the cattle. Cochise said he didn't have them but thought he knew who did. If Bascom would allow him 10 days, he would go and get them.

By telling us this, Bascom implies consent. It was a common ploy to deflect blame, The Apache would claim someone else had them and when he produced them the officer would be grateful and give him gifts for his kind cooperation. Both sides would go away happy. Bascom had supplies for 20 days. He could afford the time.

On hearing his reply, Cochise flew into a rage, drew his knife, cut the strings binding the tent flap, and screamed to his people to run. Robinson tells us that Johnny Ward fired two shots after him. The soldiers didn't fire. Their weapons weren't loaded. Cochise's people ran, but in a camp with 66 soldiers, none escaped. Bascom now had hostages he'd never intended to take.

We know from Robinson's article that the next day he, Sergeant Smith, Bascom, and Johnny Ward went

out to parley with Cochise and Francisco, leader of the Coyotero Apache, Cochise's friend, who lived in the White Mountains about five days distant. He must have been returning from a raid to be so close that he could appear the next day. Cochise humiliated himself by making a long, impassioned plea for the return of his people. He no longer offered to get the boy and cattle. He didn't have them and neither did Francisco which may have been what Cochise had thought when he had spoken with Bascom the day before.

During the parley, the Apache took one Overland Mail employee hostage, killed one and wounded a third. He then attacked an Overland Mail stage and a small freight wagon train killing a number of Mexicans and taking three Americans hostage. Cochise returned the next day and wanted to trade one Overland Mail hostage for his people. Bascom refused unless the trade was for all four hostages. The DeLong story says that Cochise only had the Overland Mail employee and doesn't mention the other three and Bascom becomes a villain for refusing the incomplete trade.

Subsequently, Cochise killed his hostages. The cavalry arrived. There were now four officers senior to Bascom at Apache Pass. Irwin wrote that he suggested hanging the six adult male hostages, three of whom he had captured. My friend would like to discount this as bluster thus implying the hanging was Bascom's idea. Irwin says Bascom was the only one who objected wanting to take the hostages to Colonel Morrison which would have been the usual procedure.

Thompson Turner, newspaperman in Tucson, wrote that on passing through Tucson on his way back to Fort Breckenridge, Lieutenant Moore, the senior officer present, claimed he had hanged the Apaches. Later, in his official report he would say that he was only in command of the reconnaissance in force that searched for Cochise implying that he was not responsible for the hanging. Nonetheless, he was senior officer present, by definition in command, and could have halted it.

It's clear that Cochise's "relatives", his brother, were among those hanged. Some authors reading "relatives" have written that the two boys and

Cochise's wife were hanged. That's just careless writing and one of the tricks our minds play.



Cochise



Apache tribal chief
(c.1805?–1874)

Cochise was the leader of the Chiricahui local group of the Chokonen and principal nantan of the Chokonen band of a Chiricahua Apache. A key war leader during the Apache Wars, he led an uprising that began in 1861 and persisted until a peace treaty was negotiated in 1872. Cochise County is named after him.

Born	Chiricahua country, under Spanish occupation
Died	June 8, 1874 (aged 68–69), Cochise Stronghold, Dripping Spring Mountains, Arizona, U.S.
Allegiance	Chiricahua Apache Indians
Rank	Chief (or leader) of Chiricahua Apaches
Battles/wars	Apache Wars, Bascom Affair, Battle of Cookes Canyon, Battle of the Florida Mountains, Battle of Pinos Altos, Battle of Dripping Spring, Battle of Apache Pass



**“The Train Robbers,” *Tombstone Epitaph*,
3 September 1887**

The *Southwest Sentinel*, published at Silver City, N.M., gives the following additional particulars regarding the arrest of the supposed train robbers:

A rumor was current on the streets here Saturday evening that the men who robbed the Southern Pacific train near Pantano, Arizona, had been caught and that \$90,000 was recovered. The rumor was discredited by many at the time, and turns out to be without foundation. Sheriff Slaughter of Cochise county Arizona, arrested four men at Stein’s Pass in this county [Grant County, now Hidalgo], but the whereabouts of the men arrested can be proven on the night of the robbery. The men arrested were Red Larry, Jimmie Hughes, Dick Johnson and Bob Williams. Sheriff Laird [Grant County] was at Stein’s Pass some days since, in company with Sheriff Slaughter, and these men were there at that time, and appeared to be suspicious that they were going to be arrested. Slaughter came to Deming with Sheriff Laird, but determined to return and arrest the parties. Out of these arrests originated the rumor that Reneke, the man who robbed the Georgetown stage last year, and two accomplices had been arrested and that \$90,000 was recovered from them. The train robbers have not yet been caught, and there is little probability that they will be.

The real train robbers were arrested soon after in El Paso, Texas, after having pulled three robberies, all relatively unsuccessful.

**“Jeffords for Sheriff of Cochise County,”
Tombstone Epitaph, 14 July 1888.**

Capt. [Tom] Jeffords is being urged to submit his name as a candidate for the office of sheriff of this county. Jeff is an old-timer and for twenty years has never failed in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and he has every qualification necessary to make a good Sheriff. Should he be nominated he can be elected over the strongest man the Republicans put up; and no man in the party has stronger claims to recognition than Captain Jeffords. -- Star



“Latest from Arizona,” *St. Louis Missouri Republican*, 29 August 1859

From Arizona

Correspondence of the Republican
Apache Pass, Arizona Territory
August 15, 1859

Messrs. Editors: I had intended writing you some days since, and had in fact commenced a letter, but being called out of my quarters for a moment, a fine Apache buck walked in and appropriated not only my inkstand, but also my paper, together with my half-finished letter. I have been obliged to delay till I could procure a fresh supply of ink and paper.

Apache Pass is distant from Mesilla about one hundred and seventy-five miles, and is the pass through which the Overland Mail goes through the Chiricahua Mountains. It is a very wild and rugged pass and is the home of the Chiricahua Apache Indians. There are only about four hundred of them here at present, the rest having gone to the Cloo Gah-ga hoot-ah river, (or river of plenty,) for their winter’s supply of acorns. This tribe of Indians number about sixteen hundred souls, of whom about four hundred and eighty are warriors. Their principal chief is absent with the greater portion of the tribe. Es-con-el-le-lah, the second in command, is now camped in the Pass, near the Apache Springs, and about three hundred yards distant from this station. He is rather a good looking specimen of an Apache, about sixty years of age, and speaks Spanish - very imperfectly, however. His tribe, and that of Jack, one of the Coyetero Apaches, are now out at war. An engagement took place near here a few days since, in which several on both sides were killed and wounded. A general battle is expected soon.

In company with Capt. Hawley, Superintendent Overland Mail Company, I rode in from Dragon [sic] Springs yesterday, about fifty miles distant. On our road we met a part of about 30 Coyetero Apaches on their way from Sonora, with about one hundred head of stock, which they had stolen there. One of them informed me in bad Spanish that they had butchered

a family living near the line, and taken their stock. He also displayed several children's garments stained with blood, which he said was his share of the spoils.

The Coyeteros are, as a nation, dirty, filthy, cruel, treacherous, and very cowardly. They and the Pincels [sic] have formed a treaty by which they go together in their stealing expeditions. They are, as a people, great thieves, and it is a wonder our Government does not chastise them as they deserve. With more efficient "Government officials" in our territory, this scourge of our land might be removed. The Chiricahua Indians declare themselves friendly to the whites, and willing to protect the Mail Company. But I hear the stage horn, and must close. In great haste. C.

C. is Samuel Cozzens and the second in command is Esquinaline.

**"Indian News," *Weekly Arizonian*,
18 August 1859.**

Our correspondent at Apache Pass, sends us the following communication dated Aug. 11th: He says, "some of our Apache Indians have again returned to the Pass. They have been camping on a small stream, called "Cloo goh la," where their warriors have been engaged in hunting, the game being very abundant. They broke up their camp in a fight, being unable to live at peace among themselves. Some of Jack's warriors, that have been in the mountains of Sonora, for the past year, returned a few days since, and finding in camp, plenty of "tigwing," [tiswin] their favorite liquor, soon got gloriously drunk. Not being on very good terms with Esconell el les, and his warriors, who are camped near here, they concluded they would visit his camp and give him a fight; they were however, expected, it appears, for Esconell el les, had sent his squaws and children into the mountains, and when Jack's warrior arrived, they found them all mounted and armed. They fought among themselves, about three hours, when they separated, with the intention of finishing it at some other time. Esconell had two warriors killed and two wounded, besides three horses killed. Old Jack was more unfortunate, as six or seven of his warriors were killed and four badly wounded, besides all of

his horses; old Jack was absent at the fight, being in the mountains looking for some lost mules, or the fight would have been more severe."

We hope no obstacles may be thrown in their way, whenever they desire to fight; but would prefer to see them engaged every day in the week; it certainly is the easiest and most economical way we know of, to get rid of a few of them. Since the receipt of the above communication, we learn the same Indians have had another fight; and the prospects are, that they will keep it up for some time to come.

Correspondent is undoubtedly James Tevis, Station Keeper at Apache Pass. Jack is probably a Coyotero Apache.



Apache Pass

**Memorial Day
May 25, 2026**



Poetry Corner

BUZZARD RANCH

By Bob Spahle

Life on the Buzzard Ranch
Can get pretty exciting.
Like the time me and Ma
Got hit by lightning.
We got tossed and tossed
Way up in the air
And Ma could never get
Those tight curls out of her hair.



We tried our hand at raising chickens
But they brought in all the mice.
Then they brought in all the rattlesnakes
And they aren't very nice.
I had one in the bedroom
And he bit me on the thumb.
Never thought God would make
A cowboy that was so dumb.

We had a big garden growing
But it got washed away in the spring.
Seems like this rocky soil
Don't grow much of anything.
But the store is only thirty long dusty miles away
And on my mule only takes three exciting days.

When we tried to sink a well
No water was to be found.
We drilled a hole a mile deep
In the rocky ground.
And heard a sound
From deep within
That chilled us to the bone.
The ground beneath began to shake
And toss around the stones.

Then up from the ground
Came a bubbling brew
That sprayed up in the air.
It was the biggest oil strike

Anybody'd seen anywhere.
Now me and Ma and the puppy
Just sit out on the deck.
Life can be exciting
On the Buzzard Ranch, by heck.

THE STORM

By Mark Finley

Daylight's getting' dim
Storm clouds are comin' in.
The air smells of comin' hail
I hear a distant coyote wail.
Milk cow's calf lets out a bawl.
My horse shelters in his stall.
I hear the angry thunder roll
Igniting fear within my soul.
Then comes the lightenin' crack
Pearcin' through the cloud so black.
As the bolt strikes the ground
The air expels a chilling sound
Announcin' rain not far behind
To make this storm well defined.
The erie sound of my dog's whine
Sends chills up and down my spine.
The rain turns to fury balls of hail
The storm's life seems to prevail.
I wonder as I feel the whirling wind
Will this storm ever end?
Then as the storm passes by
It reveals a break in the sky.
And we know this was God's plan
To spread the rain across the land.





Hollywood Trivia Lindsey Zimmerman

Francis Benjamin Johnson Jr. (June 13, 1918 – April 8, 1996) was an American film and television actor, stuntman, and world-champion rodeo cowboy. Johnson brought authenticity to many roles in Westerns with his droll manner and expert horsemanship.



Johnson was born in Foraker, OK on the Osage Indian Reservation, of self-identified Irish and Cherokee ancestry, the son of Ollie Susan Johnson (née Workmon) and Ben Johnson Sr. His father was a rancher and rodeo champion in Osage County.

Johnson's film career began with the Howard Hughes film *The Outlaw*.

Johnson arrived in Hollywood to deliver a consignment of horses for a film. He did stunt-double work for several years before breaking into acting with the help of John Ford. His stuntman work caught the eye of director John Ford, who hired Johnson for stunt work in the 1948 film *Fort Apache*, and as the riding double for Henry Fonda. During shooting, the horses pulling a wagon with three men in it stampeded. Johnson, who "happened to be settin' on a horse", stopped the runaway wagon and saved the men. When Ford promised that he would be rewarded, Johnson hoped it would be with another doubling job, or maybe a small speaking role. Instead, he received a seven-year acting contract from Ford. Ford called Johnson into his office, and handed him an envelope with a contract in it. Johnson started reading it, and when he got to the fifth line and it said "\$5,000 a week," he stopped reading, grabbed a pen, signed it, and gave it back to Ford.

His first credited role was in Ford's *3 Godfathers*; the film is notable for the riding skills demonstrated by both Johnson and star Pedro Armendariz. He later said the film was the most physically challenging of his career. Ford then suggested a starring role for him in the 1949 film *Mighty Joe Young*; he played Gregg opposite Terry Moore. Ford cast him in the remaining two of the three films that have come to be known as Ford's cavalry trilogy, all starring John Wayne: *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, and *Rio Grande* (1950) joining *Fort Apache*. Both roles showcased Johnson's riding ability. Ford also cast Johnson as the lead in *Wagon Master* (1950), one of Ford's favorites.



Johnson liked to say later that he got to Hollywood in a carload of horses. Johnson was drawn to the rodeos and horse breeding in his early years. In 1953, he took a break from well-paid film work to compete in the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA), becoming the Team Roping World Champion, although he only broke even financially that year. Johnson was inducted into the Pro Rodeo



Hall of Fame in 1979. According to his Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame entry, he said, "I've won a rodeo world championship, and I'm prouder of that than anything else I've ever done."

The portrayal of a former cowboy theater owner in the 1950s-set coming-of-age drama *The Last Picture Show* won Johnson the 1971 Academy Award, BAFTA Award, and Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor.



For his contribution to the motion picture industry, Johnson has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 7083 Hollywood Boulevard. In 1982, he was inducted into the Western Performers Hall of Fame at the [National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum](#) in Oklahoma City. In 1996, Tom Thurman made a documentary film about Johnson's life, titled *Ben Johnson: Third Cowboy on the Right*, written by Thurman and Tom Marksbury. To date, he is the only person to have won both a world rodeo championship and an Oscar.

The Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum was opened in honor of Ben Johnson in his hometown of Pawhuska in June 2019. The museum showcases the life and career of Ben Johnson, as well as his father, Ben Johnson Sr., who was also a world-champion cowboy. In addition to the Ben Johnsons, the museum also features other world-champion cowboys and cowgirls, famous ranches (like the one Ben grew up on), and cowboy artists and craftsmen, all from the area where Ben grew up.

The Ben Johnson Memorial Steer Roping and the International Roundup Cavalcade, the world's largest amateur rodeo, are held annually in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

A one-and-a-quarter-sized bronze sculpture by John D. Free of Ben Johnson riding a horse and roping a steer was commissioned and produced in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

In 2003 Johnson was inducted into the [Texas Trail of Fame](#).

Johnson's 1941 marriage to Carol Elaine Jones lasted until her death on March 27, 1994. They had no children. She was the daughter of noted Hollywood horse wrangler Clarence "Fat" Jones. Johnson continued to work almost steadily until his death.

Johnson also operated a horse-breeding ranch throughout his career. Although he said he had succeeded by sticking to what he knew, shrewd real estate investments made Johnson worth an estimated \$100 million by his later years.

On April 8, 1996, aged 77, Johnson collapsed and died from a heart attack while visiting his then 96-year-old mother Ollie at Leisure World in Mesa, Arizona, the suburban Phoenix retirement community where they both lived. Johnson's body was later transported from Arizona to Pawhuska, OK, for burial at the Pawhuska City Cemetery.

Ollie died on October 16, 2000, aged 101.



Out & About
Doug Hocking & Lindsey Zimmerman

On May 11, Corral friend, Tombstone Mayor Dusty Escapule was involved in a serious automobile accident in Tombstone and taken to the hospital in Sierra Vista. He's home and doing well.

Ranch Hand Kathy Klump, president of the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society is busy installing a new security system in their Malley Street museum which will soon house the General Vandenberg artifact collection. Sandy Vandenberg, a member of the Tucson Corral, has for many years done historical archaeology across Arizona. Watch for the announcement of the inaugural display.

On May 12, Ranch Hand Craig McEwan was honored as Board Member of the Year by the Cochise County Historical Society. Ranch Hand Bill Cavaliere, president of the society made the presentation.



On May 14, Ranch Hand Doug Hocking spoke to the Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society in Willcox on the Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country.



On May 26, Ranch Hand Doug Hocking spoke to the Adobe Corral at Pinnacle Peak Steakhouse in Tucson, on the Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country.



Sheriff Storms

During the talk Debbie took a call, a Ranch Hand leaned on the table and knocked the projection 30 degrees out of kilter, and touched the computer screen freezing the display.



Photos of Sheriff Gil Storms and Doug Hocking by Debbie Hocking.

Speaking at other Corrals helps to bind Westerners together and to find us speakers for our Campfires.

Toward the end of May, Ranch Hand Debbie Hocking is finishing up her work as a judge in a literary competition (not allowed to say which one or which category). She's really enjoying her role in supporting Western literature. Very exciting!

On May 27th, the three Ranch Hands - Brenda Davis, Pam Bouilly & Lindsey Zimmerman, with a friend, Zoe, drove over to learn and see some of the history in Tubac.



Tubac was the first Spanish colonial garrison built in Arizona in 1752. It was one of the stops on the Camino Real from Mexico to Spanish settlements in California, and is located on the Santa Cruz River. Repeated Apache attacks in the 1840's caused both Tubac & Tumacacori to be abandoned.



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In Old Scottsdale
3830 N Marshall Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

This is a wonderful museum! Ranch Hand Lindsey and husband Dave visited it while catching a quick weekend away. The included pictures will give you an idea of the different kinds of items in the museum's collections – everything from Cowboys & Indians, to Traders & Mountain Men.



In short, everything Western. Even a stagecoach!



There is an outside area where events are held and while we were there they were setting up an incredible buffet spread. We didn't ask the busy catering staff who was going to be visiting, but we sure would've liked to be on the guestlist! Visit the museum's website to see what they offer in the way of events and tours.



A Corral Full of Saddles



The bronze statues throughout were absolutely incredible. I took many pictures of some of them, and also of a pair of silver parade saddles that must have weighted 100 lbs! Wouldn't wanna be the horse toting those around, but they were really spectacular. Certainly made for Western Royalty, like Roy & Trigger!

There were also many paintings and exhibits of clothing with amazing beadwork. Don't ask me how any squaw could ever find the time... The staff of the museum were very friendly and willing to answer questions. We were lucky few were there when we went close to opening, and one of the counter people was able to leave his post and tell us about some of the items we had questions about. We really loved our visit – even Dave, who isn't that keen on visiting museums with me!

Places to Visit

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument

This remote and unspoiled 280,000-acre monument is a geologic treasure with some of the most spectacular trails and views in the world. The monument contains many diverse landscapes, including the Paria Plateau, Vermilion Cliffs, Coyote Buttes, and Paria Canyon. The monument borders Kaibab National Forest to the west and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area to the east.

The monument includes the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness. Elevations range from 3,100 to 7,100 feet. The monument is also home to a growing number of endangered California condors. Each year, condors hatched and raised in a captive breeding program are released in the monument. To visit the monument, you'll need extra planning and awareness of potential hazards. Most roads need a high clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicle due to deep sand.

Getting to the Monument:

From Flagstaff travel north on U.S. Highway 89 to U.S. Highway 89A at the Bitter Springs turnoff. **From Kanab, Utah** take U.S. 89 to the east or U.S. 89A to the south through Fredonia and Jacob Lake.

Permits Required:

You must have a [permit](#) to hike in Coyote Buttes North (The Wave), Coyote Buttes South, and for overnight trips within Paria Canyon.

Facilities:

There are no visitor centers in the monument.

You can get [Arizona Strip visitor maps](#) online and at the [Paria Contact Station](#), [BLM Kanab Visitor Center](#), and the [Interagency Public Lands Center](#) in St. George, Utah.

Getting Around:

There are no paved roads within the monument. While House Rock Valley Road (BLM 1065) is a maintained dirt road, it may be impassable when



wet. You'll need a four-wheel-drive, high clearance vehicle on other roads due to deep sand.



<https://www.blm.gov/national-conservation-lands/arizona/vermilion-cliffs/>





Message From The Executive Director

Jeremy Fricke

At the Naco Heritage Alliance, our work is rooted in a simple but powerful idea that the stories of the borderlands matter, and that too many of them remain unseen. Camp Naco continues to inspire this work, reminding us that a single place can hold layers of history that connect people across time and experience. Through our programs, partnerships, and preservation efforts, we are committed to revealing the complexity of human experience in this region, shaped by movement, encounter, resilience, and change. These stories ask us to think more deeply about how communities are formed and how understanding can grow across differences. As we look ahead, we remain focused on building opportunities for people to engage with the borderlands in ways that feel meaningful, thoughtful, and connected to a larger shared story.

Message from the Board President

Margaret Hangan

Camp Naco gives us a powerful opportunity to reflect on the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers and the broader story of Black history in America. Their presence here speaks to courage, service, and perseverance, but also to the complicated realities they lived through. As a board, we care deeply about making sure these stories are not only preserved, but shared in ways that feel real, accessible, and meaningful to people today.

When we take the time to understand this history more fully, it helps all of us see our shared past and each other with greater clarity and respect.

Discover the History

With the outbreak of the Mexican Revolution in 1910, commanders at Fort Huachuca established a tent camp at the point where the El Paso and Southwestern railroad line crossed the border into Mexico, at Naco, Arizona. It was initially manned by the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry, and later the 25th Infantry, collectively known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Its mission was to protect the railroad, prevent smuggling, and maintain the peace.

In 1919 a permanent camp, named Camp Naco, was constructed by the US War Department's Mexican Border Defense Construction Project, a response to unsettled conditions along the US/Mexico border. Part of a 1,200-mile chain of thirty-five permanent military camps, Camp Naco was one of only two constructed of adobe. When the camps were decommissioned in 1923, most were deconstructed so that their materials could be used elsewhere, but Camp Naco, built of adobe, remained in place. As a result, it remains the only camp to retain its historic integrity today.

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Buffalo Soldier Groups in Arizona

Southwest Arizona Association of Buffalo

Soldiers (SWABS) Demetria Warren - President

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Nogales Buffalo Soldiers Legacy Association

Donna Jackson-Houston

<https://nogalesbuffalosoldiers.org/>

nogalesbuffalosoldiers@gmail.com

Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter

(GSAAC) Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Horse

Cavalry Association <https://az910hcav.org/>

Odd Bits

Lindsey Zimmerman

Mesquite Beans

The most dependable food desert Indians had was from the mesquite tree. The gold or red-streaked bean it produced, sometimes twice a year, was more important than corn or wheat to Arizona desert dwellers. Kearney and Peebles, in their scholarly books, *Flowering Plants and Ferns of Arizona* wrote: "This plant has been a mainstay of existence to Southwest aborigines. When cultivated crops failed, they subsisted mainly on mesquite beans. Pinole, a meal made from the long sweet pods, prepared in the form of cakes and often as gruel, was a staple for the Pimas and still is eaten by them." The beans were gathered in enormous quantities, ground up, pod and all, into a flour, which in turn was formed into cakes, dried in the sun, and stored in baskets. There are at least eight uses for the mesquite bean and bark. The bean is one of nature's sugars, sweet enough to use for flavor in jelly, syrup, bread, and cookies. In the spring when the desert is at its best, picking mesquite beans can be an adventure. Watch those thorns! Grinding and pounding are another matter. Took a half hour of grinding for a half cup of flour. Do it the modern way... To make mesquite bean-pod flour, pick fully ripe beans with no beetle holes. Clean them and heat in a 170 degree oven 4 hrs to destroy any internal troublemakers. (Or sun dry as the Indians do.) A food processor or blender grinds and crushes just fine! Sift seed coats and fiber from meal, then sift again for a finer flour, golden and sweet. Not White. Mesquite has a natural sweetening with peanut butter-like flavor which you'll love. (You can substitute wheat flour for no more than half the mesquite flour in this recipe.)



Hearty Mesquite Muffins

2/3 cup mesquite flour
1 1/3 cups sifted self-rising flour
1 beaten egg
1/4 cup salad oil
3/4 cup milk



Mix flours. Combine egg, oil & milk and whip with a fork until frothy. Add liquid mixture to dry flours and stir until just moistened. Fill a dozen well-greased muffin cups with batter, 2/3 full. Bake 25 minutes @ 400 degrees. Cool slightly to remove. Try the recipe once without spice to taste the true flavor. Add cinnamon or nutmeg to another batch, if desired. These muffins are dubbed "hearty" because of their rich, moist crumb.

A Great Innovation for Cowboys



Before the chuck wagon, every cowboy had to carry his own bedroll, grub, and everything else to sustain himself on the trail. The chuck wagon not only freed him from this, but also provided better food and a gathering place for the riders to visit & camp.

Charles Goodnight, Texas Ranger, famed cattleman, and developer of the Goodnight-Loving Trail, is generally credited with the concept of building a chuck box into an old, iron-axled, former Army wagon. In the classic design, the door of the chuck box served as the wagon's tailgate. With hinged legs, it let down to become a work surface for the cook & provided access to shelves, drawers, and chuck. Bedrolls were stored in the wagon, and the boot – a cowhide slung from axle to axle under the wagon, carried skillets, Dutch ovens, firewood & other heavy items.

Coming Events - Telegraphers Code

Sources:

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

Website and how to get there:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>
The Fremont Street Mail (monthly)
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremontstreet-mail>
The Border Vidette (quarterly)
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-bordervidette>



Scrapbook

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral>

In August, the Cochise County Historical Society will announce its annual Historical Essay Contest for High School and Jr High students. There will be cash prizes up to \$500. Please let folks know to watch for this and encourage history teachers to make this part of their program.

July 4 – Independence Day 250



June 17–20, Western Writers of America Convention, St. Louis

July 2 – “The Soldier in Territorial Arizona” by Chris DeMille

August 6, “A History of Conflict: Camp Naco, the Bisbee Deportation & World Wars”

August 15-16, Santa Fe Indian Market

August 22 - 150th Anniversary Celebration, Empire Ranch

September 4–6, Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo

September 5-6, Showdown in Tombstone

October 1–4, Rex Allen Days, Willcox

October 1–4, Art in the Park, Sierra Vista

October 10–11, Patagonia Fall Fest, Patagonia

October 16–18, Helldorado, Tombstone

November 7, Cowboy Festival Saturday, Empire Ranch

December 6, Cochise County Historical Society Annual Banquet, Gadsden Hotel, Douglas

December 12th Christmas at the Empire Ranch



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

August 6th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Presenter:
Becky Orozco

A History of Conflict: Camp Naco, the Bisbee Deportation and the World Wars



Why was our small section of the U.S.-Mexico border a focus of major military and civil conflicts in the early 20th Century? This is a fascinating presentation by Arizona-based historian, archaeologist, and retired Cochise College instructor Becky Orozco.

See You at Schieffelin Hall
4th and Fremont in Tombstone

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- ★ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ★ Enjoy Monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western History

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

For more information www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

Or contact Doug Hocking at 520 378-1833 or InkSlings@CochiseCountyCorral.org

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In Memory

Fred Tait Boice passed away in May at the age of 96. Fred was Pancho and Bob Boice's cousin and managed the Arivaca ranch. He served in leadership of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona Foundation, Tucson Medical Center, Junior Achievement, Tucson Airport Authority, and Arizona State Parks.

Docent Led Tour of the Empire Ranch House. 6/13/26 & 6/27/26, 11 am to noon.

Reservations are required by 5 pm the day before the tour. [Click here](#) to make a reservation. Free. Meet at the Visitor Contact Station.

The ranch house is open for self-guided tours every day from dawn to dusk.

NOTE: The Empire Ranch will not have a **National Day of the Cowboy** event in 2026, but it will be back on July 24, 2027.

Our **outdoor movie showings** at the Empire Ranch are on hold indefinitely. The Loft's Solar Cinema equipment is in need of repair and funding is scarce for this free program. We hope to resume movies at the ranch in 2027.

Commerative Mug \$12

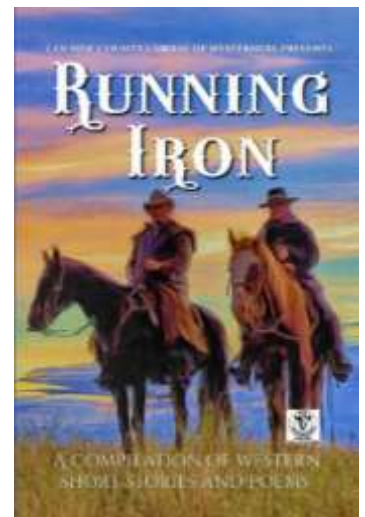


CORRAL MERCHANDISE

Map of Tombstone Claims & Surrounding Communities \$5



Corral Books \$16 (\$10 for the authors)



Buffalo Bill Festival of Books Mug \$12



Mescal Movie Set: Step into Cinematic History at Sunset

Watch a beautiful Arizona sunset from a historical movie set.

BENSON, AZ, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES, MAY, 2026

Mescal Movie Set's popular Sunset Historical Film Tours return on May 30, offering a rare opportunity to explore this legendary movie set against the beauty of an Arizona sunset.

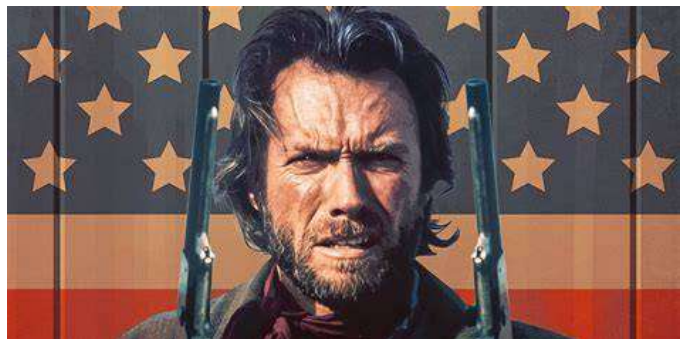


Having served as the backdrop for over 150 film productions, Mescal has been a key location for some of the most iconic classic westerns. During this guided walking tour, visitors will have the opportunity to explore the famous buildings and streets where memorable scenes from "Tombstone," "The Outlaw Josey Wales," "The Quick and the Dead," "Tom Horn," and many others were shot. Including:

- The Mercantile Store built by Clint Eastwood for *The Outlaw Josey Wales*.
- The OK Corral and Oriental Saloon from the movie *Tombstone*.
- Virgil's and Wyatt's cottages from *Tombstone*.
- The Redemption Saloon from *The Quick and The Dead*.
- The Livery where Steve McQueen boarded his horse in *Tom Horn*.
- Paul Newman's "Jersey Lily" from *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean*.
- The Brothel frequented by Frank Sinatra in *Dirty Dingus Magee*.
- Plus, many more iconic movie scene locations!

Sunset Tour Schedule:

- Fri. May 30 Tours at 6:30 & 7:00
- Sat. June 13 Tours at 6:30 & 7:00
- Sat. June 27 Tours at 6:30 & 7:00
- Sat. July 11 Tours at 6:30 & 7:00
- Sat. Aug. 1 Tours at 6:00 & 6:30
- Sat. Aug. 15 Tours at 6:00 & 6:30
- Sat. Aug. 29 Tours at 5:30 & 6:00
- Sat. Sept. 12 Tours at 5:30 & 6:00
- Sat. Sept. 26 Tours at 5:30 & 6:00



Don't miss this chance to walk through cinematic history while watching the sun set over the Arizona desert! The quarter-mile walking tour lasts approximately one hour and costs only \$20 per person—with children 17 and under free! Every dollar goes directly toward preserving and restoring the set to attract future film productions. For the best experience, please note: No pets, No smoking, No weapons.

To check our Upcoming Film Schedule, make a reservation, or get more information please visit www.MescalMovieSet.com.

About Mescal Movie Set

Located just outside of Benson, Arizona, the Mescal Movie Set has served as the backdrop for over 150 productions. Its rich history, authentic Western architecture, and stunning desert vistas have made it a favorite among filmmakers and fans alike. For more information, visit www.mescalmovieset.com.

Contact:

Mescal Movie Set

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Lavender Festival 2026

Saturday, June 13, 2026 8:00 AM

[6345 South Rhumb Line Way, Willcox, AZ 85643, USA](#)

To guarantee entry, it is recommended to purchase tickets ahead of time.

Sip, stroll & soak in the lavender! Enjoy local wine, craft brews, artisan vendors, live music, and tasty bites all in one dreamy day!

Lavender Farm - The first thing you notice when entering the farm is the lavender. In June, it will be in full bloom and spectacular. We follow organic farming practices to ensure our lavender essential oils are free from contaminants. We will be distilling two batches of lavender on the day of the festival. Join us and learn how it all works, and the benefits provided by the lavender. Sample the products made from the lavender and revel in the relaxing aromas. We look forward to showing you how it is done.

Tickets- General admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

For more information, please visit: rhumblinevineyard.com/

Local Artisans - There will be lots of local artisans with cheeses, food, art, and pastries.

[ALL LUV Natural Product](#)

- Yaqui Hideout
- Udderly Natural
- Stained glass by Casey
- and more

Food, Wine, and Beer - You may purchase tickets for wine and beer tastings. \$ 20 for 10 tastings.

Each tasting is 1 fl oz. Wine and beer can also be purchased by the glass or bottle.

[Olive's Vineyard Cafe](#) (Serving breakfast at 8am)

- Tommy's Woodfired Pizza
- L&B Farms
- Robbs Family Farm
- Evermore Coffee

[Carlson Creek Vineyard](#)

[Skyhaven Wines](#)

[Tirrito Farm Brewery](#)

[Old Pueblo Cellars](#)

[Dos Cabezas Wine Works](#)

Check back as more are added

Live Music - There will be live music.



Things to Know:

NO smoking on property. **NO** Pets. **NO** outside food or beverages (does not include water - so please bring bottle to refill and stay hydrated.) We recommend long sleeves, closed toed shoes, & a hat for sun protection.

Bees - People with allergies should be aware of potential risk.

Farm Conditions - Road to the property is a graded dirt road. Ground may be uneven in places. Please wear appropriate shoes. Be aware there are **snakes**. Enter at your own risk.



TOMBSTONE COURTHOUSE
STATE HISTORIC PARK

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 4 AT AT 9:30 A.M.

Celebrate Independence Day and America's 250th Anniversary with us at Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park. Enjoy Faro with Steve, and a presentation by Lisa Howison at the park. Join us in celebrating 250 years of America!

This event is part of **Outdoors250**, our celebration of America's 250th anniversary! Learn more and sign up to enter to win prize drawings at AZStateParks.com/Outdoors250

**9:30 A.M.
TO
1:00 P.M.**

Faro, also known as Pharo or Pharaoh, is a classic gambling game with roots in 17th-century France that gained immense popularity during the American Wild West era. Learn how to play with Steve!

1:00 P.M.

"Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution"
Presentation by Lisa Howison



Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park
223 E. Toughnut St Tombstone, AZ

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(520) 457-3311 | @tombstone_statepark





**SATURDAY
JULY 4TH
9:00 A.M.
PALOMINAS
ROAD**
Between the
Fire Station & Hwy 92
Palominas, AZ



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE!
DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE, FLOAT, ANIMAL, BICYCLE, OR SELF
LINE UP AT THE FIRE STATION AT 8:30 A.M.**

Immediately following the Parade, everyone is invited to a free Carnival at the Church of Palominas, 10466 E. Hwy 92 including "Incredible Edibles"

Last year Ranch Hands Brenda Davis & Lindsey Zimmerman escorted Lindsey's horses, Azul & Will, along with granddaughter Ariel and friend Violet in this parade. It may only be a 6th of a mile long & about as unorganized as a parade can be,

but it sure is a lot of fun & has a great turnout. Anything & Everybody is in it for the fun. May be a short one, but everyone there wants to speak with and greet the participants, so it does take a while. It's early, so followup in Tombstone for more fun!





City of Willcox, Arizona.
4th of July Celebration!
FREE!

Keiller Park, N Bisbee Ave
Saturday, July 04, 2026 1:00 PM

City of Willcox, Arizona.
4th of July Parade!
Willcox Community Center, W Stewart St
Saturday, July 04, 2026 3:00 PM

City of Willcox, Arizona.
Rex Allen Days
75th Annual!
Thurs – Oct 1, 2026 - 1:00 PM



Pancho Vega's Going Out of Business Sale
June 19th - 21st 10:00 am to 4 pm
302 E Fremont St, Arizona 85638

- All general merchandise **25% off**
- Consignment items **25% off**
- Ammo **10% off**
- Many Gun Deals
- Cabinets, Displays, Slattwall Accessories
- Leather Tools



TOMBSTONE
Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary at Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park on Saturday, July 4th, 2026. Engage with history and learn to play Faro like Wyatt Earp during our Faro Demonstrations, expand beyond the exhibits with our interpretive guides, and connect our area's history to the American Revolution with our historian presentation.

Visitors can also view a "Dear America, Love Arizona" display: a selection of postcards from K-12 students in the state whose postcards reflect on what they love about Arizona and their hopes for our nation's future as we approach America's 250th anniversary. If you're bringing a student of your own to this special Independence Day celebration, be sure to ask for a Junior Ranger program!

All programs are included with paid museum admission. Faro Demonstrations are from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be located on the first floor. "Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution" by Lisa Howison begins at 1 P.M. in the historic courtroom. Please note that while our ADA ramp is now open, the second floor, including the courtroom, is staircase access only due to the historic nature of the building.

Please be aware that air conditioning is not currently available in the museum. Plan ahead by bringing water and expect temperatures to be around 80-85° in the facility. Food and drink **except for water** is not permitted inside the museum.



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

September 3rd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Presenter:
Doug Hocking

Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country 1858-1861



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

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

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Comanche – Survivor of Little Big Horn

Comanche was a mixed breed horse known for his remarkable survival during the Battle of the Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. He was the personal mount of Captain Myles Keogh of the 7th Cavalry and is often celebrated as a symbol of bravery and resilience.

Battle of the Little Bighorn

Key Facts

Date: June 25, 1876

Location: Montana, USA

Outcome: Custer's 7th Cavalry suffered a devastating defeat, with over 200 soldiers killed.



Comanche's Role

- Comanche was wounded multiple times during the battle but survived when soldiers found him two days later, severely injured.
- He was the only horse from Custer's detachment to survive, although other horses did exist but were taken by Native American warriors.

Post-Battle Life - Recovery and Retirement

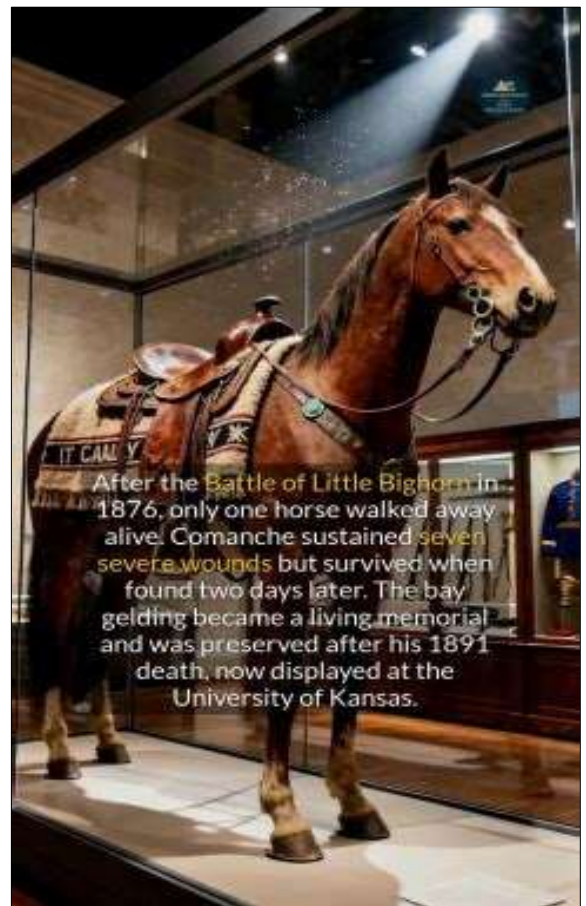
- After being rescued, Comanche was nursed back to health at Fort Lincoln.
- In 1878, he was honored with a special order stating he would never be ridden or put to work again, recognizing his status as a living reminder of the battle.



Legacy

- Comanche lived for many years after the battle and died on November 7, 1891.
- His body was preserved and is currently displayed at the University of Kansas, where he remains a significant historical figure.

Comanche's story exemplifies the bond between cavalymen and their horses, highlighting the critical role horses played in military history.



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Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette

We encourage our Ranch Hands to Contribute in any way they can to the many departments in the *Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette*.

The following Departments of the *Fremont Street Mail* are open to your contributions:

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

Photo Album

Local Events

Recipes from the Trail

Out and About: If you did it, we only know about it if you tell us and send photos! **Buckskin Bulletin** draws data from **Out & About** for their report on what the Corral is doing and at the end of the year this becomes fodder for the Outreach portion of the **Heads Up Award** (for best Corral) application. If you did something and it's not mentioned, it's because you didn't tell us!

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Long Articles

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Reviews & Book Reports

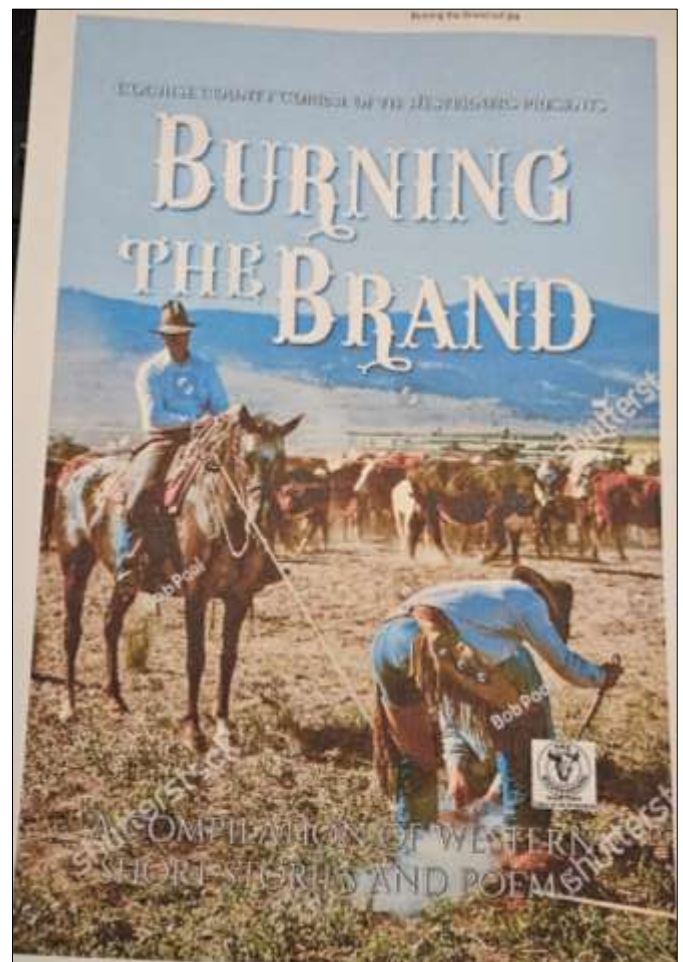
Recommended Books & Articles

Frontier Recipes

We really need some articles right now to get out another edition!!!! We can stretch them or add to them if you have an idea.



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