

FREMONT STREET MAIL



April 11, 2023

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith

On Thursday, May 4, 2023: **Becky Orosco** has a presentation on *Camp Naco* which was constructed near Bisbee in 1919 during the Mexican Revolution and is the last remaining post created to defend the border during that revolution. 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.



June 1, 2023: **Mescal** will tentatively speak on *History of Mescal Studio Set*.

July 6th, **Bob Nilson** will speak on the *History of the 7th Street Cemetery in Benson*. This is the forever home to a number of famous pioneers and outlaws.

August 3rd, **Allyne McFalls** will speak about *Kathay Williams, the Only Female Buffalo Solider*.

September 7th, **Gene Freese** will speak on "Western Film History of Cochise County"

Recorder of Marks and Brands Cindy Lehman

Gene Baker has been in and out of the hospital. Ilona S. almost lost her home in the Williams Fire. Mary Working's son passed away recently in Sierra Vista. Welcome new Ranch Hands Paul Retzlaff and Randy Johnson.

There were many decisions related to the September **Gather of Westerners International** September 14 to 16:

1. Approved budget and authorized expenditures.
2. Approved registration price of \$100 with \$30 optional for Goodenough Mine and \$15 optional for Mescal; added a tour to Watervale.

Tombstone Festival of Books

- a. Reimburse Hockings \$500 against expenses of \$710.19
- b. We voted to do Tombstone Festival of Books on the Wednesday prior to the Tucson Festival of Books in 2024
- c. We accepted Rule/Invitation and authorized invitation

Keeper of the Chips Jimmy Lehman

As of April 6, 2023:
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

90 Ranch Hands
 We have in Checking - \$1609.98
 We have in Savings - \$1015.37
 March Expenses: \$421.00
 March Income: \$184.25

Trail Boss's Whip
Bob Spahle

*Trail Ride to Willcox
 West Fest*

9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15th
 Meet at Safeway Plaza, Benson 591 W. 4th St.
 Convoy to Quail Park north of I-10 Exit 340 on Grant Rd.
 Tickets for Lunch from the Chuck Wagon of your choice \$15

Willcox West Fest
 Chuck Wagon
 Cook-off & Ranch
 Rodeo

SAVE THE DATE
April 14-16, 2023

Quail Park, W

9am - Beer/wine garden opens
 10am - Team Tying Competitions
 10am - Chuck wagon lunch tickets go on sale under the Pavilion
 12noon - Lunch served (cooked by the chuckwagons)
 1pm - Kids boot scramble in arena sponsored by the EXPO Youth
 1:30pm - Calcutta Ranch Rodeo Teams
 2pm - Opening Ceremony

Live 9am-1pm Saturday

Following opening ceremony, Jr & Adult Ranch Rodeo & Wild Horse Race

We're considering an overnight trip to Hachita, Deming, and Cooke's Canyon. Cooke's Canyon was the focal point of many old west adventures, but the road is 4WD only. We might also do a tour of the Turquoise Mine by Courtland.

A trip to Rancho de la Osa is in the works along with an overnight trip to gaze at a meteor shower.

Sheriff's Star
Doug Hocking

"I love it when a plan comes together!" And it sure appears to be. I think we're a shoo in for the Heads Up Award for best Corral of 2022 and we might even have it sewed up for 2023, too, given what we've already accomplished.

The plan is coming together for the September 14 to 16 Gather of Westerners International. We are hosting Corrals from across the country and around the globe. If you want to see what it's going to look like visit <https://cochisecountycorral.org/2023-gather> and be sure to check out the schedule.

We are now considering questions of what to charge vendors and which ones to invite. We're looking at whether we want to risk merchandizing and whether we want to ask Tombstone merchants for items for silent auction and raffle and to be sponsors. We'll need folks who are willing to go out and talk to the merchants.

We also have a fair idea of the people we'll need as volunteers. So please, if you're interested, step up and let us know.

- Thursday & Friday September 14&15
- 0730-1200
Set up Audio-Visual 2 people
 - 0730-0930
Set up/Vendor Tables 2 people
 - 1200-1600
Run Audio-visual 1 person
 - 0730-1200
Coffee & Snacks 1 person
 - 1200-1630
Coffee & Snacks 1 person
 - 0730-1200
Registration 2 people

1200-1600
 Registration 2 people
 Speakers
 Thursday
 History of Tombstone
 History of Cochise County

We can offer volunteers free registration. Mostly that will mean an invitation to the awards banquet and dinner at Tombstone Monument Ranch on Friday evening.

Deep Thoughts on History

I hate to write about any subject of history where I have not been able to review the primary documentation. This was called to mind while reading *Appetite for America: Fred Harvey and the Business of Civilizing the Wild West – One Meal at a Time* by Stephen Fried. The reading is enjoyable and interesting. It is not footnoted, making this a popular history by an investigative journalist.

Fried wrote:

“Only months after Billy’s death came the “Gunfight at the OK Corral: in Tombstone, a small mining town just across the Arizona border from the Deming eating house. Sheriff Wyatt Earp, his deputized brothers Morgan and Virgil, and Doc Holliday had a showdown with five unruly cowboys who reportedly were “parading the town for several days, drinking heavily and making themselves obnoxious” – and then refused to surrender their weapons to the lawmen. Thirty second and thirty bullets later, three of the cowboys lay dead, a fourth was wounded and the other had run away.” (page 72)

As one of our ranch hands said recently of another book “she got every single fact

wrong.” Hopefully, most of you are aware of all the errors in the above quote starting with describing one of the largest towns between St. Louis and San Francisco as a “small mining town.” We have to wonder where the “parading quote came from.” Material like this makes one wonder if the rest of the book adheres to the same high level of accuracy.

I hope not. There is a danger of any of us in writing history that when we diverge from the focus of our study where we know the primary sources well, that we are forced to rely on secondary sources and can inadvertently admit errors. I hope that’s what happened here. Unfortunately, most Americans get their history from journalists who write beautifully while being useless as researchers and subject to anachronistic thinking. Tombstone is after all a small town today.

Popular histories sell well and are widely read while varying wildly in their adherence to historical fact. Diaries are often good sources while memoirs released for a popular market are often little more than fantasies. Newspapers and news magazines when relating history tend to be far, far off the mark and divergent from reality.

The same can often be said for footnoted and documented sources if the footnotes only refer to secondary sources. When the error of an historian is quoted by another historian’s work it does not become any more valuable or any closer to the truth. In fact, as other’s distort the original error with their perceptions of what was written, the work may diverge even further from the truth. No matter how many times an error is repeated, it does not become truth.

Look at the references to see if the researcher referred to primary sources. This is a good sign that the work may be accurate and

provides the reader the opportunity to check those sources to see if they are quoted accurately. We know of one prominent historian who turned “three killed near Dragoon Springs” into “four buried at Dragoon Springs.”

Even the best historians, looking broadly at a subject and relying on secondary sources, are apt to repeat a few of other’s mistakes.

Blast from the Past

I have to admit a fondness for this topic. Disney did a cartoon on the topic calling Wind Wagon Thomas by the name of Smith. Nonetheless, the wind wagons were real. Thomas made it 120 miles to Cedar Springs and four men in a contraption that had both sails and oars made it to Denver.

Wind Wagons

“The Mystery is Solved,” *St Joseph Gazette*, 11 December 1846.



The Mystery is Solved - the thing is Practicable - the wind wagon works. - During the past week Mr. Thomas having completed all his apparatus, run up his main sail and off the machine started. He ran up and down across the plains with his wagon at pleasure. It is his determination to remove here with his family as soon as possible, and

his partner who is likewise coming, will in conjunction with himself and an old TAR, go to word and have three wind wagons ready by the first to 10th of April next, to traverse the plains across to Bent’s Fort and back again. The resistance his vessel has to overcome is far less than a vessel at sea and there can be no doubt of its complete success - his resistance is only at starting while a vessel at sea is after it is under way. He expects to carry freight and passengers and will now engage and bind himself to take it through to Bent’s Fort or to Santa Fe in a reasonable time at \$6 per hundred pounds. He intends having a depot at Bent’s Fort and thence across the other side of the Arkansas will run another car within 60 miles of Santa Fe. At Bent’s Fort he will have a car to run to Fort Laramie on Big Platte, to convey passengers and freight to Oregon, and will ultimately extend it across to California. - Independence Expositor.

“Wind Ship,” *Boon’s Lick Times*, 12 July 1847.

Our enterprising fellow-citizen, Mr. Wm. Thomas, says the Independence Expositor, has just returned from a trip of 12 days on the prairies with his Wind Ship, and says it works well, and he is now willing to make a tour to the buffalo country, if a sufficient number can be raised to justify him in making the expedition. He take one 6-pounder, a beautiful stand of colors, tents, &c. He will start in a few days if he can be successful in getting a company. As this is something new under the sun, we suppose that many of our citizens will embrace the opportunity.

H.C.P. “Pike’s Peak Correspondence,” *Daily Missouri Republican*, 25 April 1859.

It Weighs Anchor and Sails behind Oxen –
the Weather –
Mr. Majors and the Kaw Indians in Town

Westport, Mo., April 19, 1859

The wind-wagon took its flight to-day. About 2 o'clock this afternoon, persons were seen coming into Main Cross street, near Sager's furniture store, and the matter was soon explained by the appearance of the much talked of wind-wagon, a description of which I sent you several days ago.

It was surrounded by a crowd of spectators, eager to see the operations of the curious looking thing, but from prudential motives, the captain would not hoist his sails whist the "vessel" was in town. It was hauled through the streets by men and boys, and when fairly out of town, four yoke of oxen were attached, and they drew the "animal" to the prairie, where it is to find a depot, and whence it is to take its departure for the land of gold and windy stories.

Many were the curious remarks made by the curious assembly. One now suggested that the physiologist O'LEARY, now holding forth in Westport should examine its head, and give a chart of the "wagon's" character. Another thought it looked like a great "grand daddy" - a long-legged species of insect; and wondered if it could tell "where the cars are." The inventor is name THOMAS, and he has been bored nearly to death with ironical questions, and consequently will hardly give one a civil answer. I had myself cut so short that all I know of the "thing" is that it is a "thing what is a thing."

THOMAS believes that his fortune is made. Perhaps it is, like other Pike's Peak fortunes - "over the left." Yet, I wish him success.

It is understood that the wind wagon is to "weight anchor" in a day or two, and "sail for Pike's Peak." I would'nt [sic] like to be one of the first passengers.

...

P.H.C. [sic]

Poetry Corner

Bob and Jimmy both had poems for us at the April Campfire.

The Legend of Wyatt Earp

By Bob Spahle

It was told by some and made up by others
How he tamed the West with all of his
brothers.

He never backed down and was quick with
his gun

Not likin's the Cowboys and ruinin' their
fun.

Tombstone was the town and silver was
king.

There was lobster and oysters, most
anything.

Stake a claim dig down maybe hit pay dirt
Or get robbed of your money and only get
hurt.

It took a man with no fear and incredibly
strong

And he was honest and brave as the day is
long.

But cross him or the law or one of his
brothers

And you'll be buried on Boot Hill like all of
the others.

Wyatt was a good man, don't believe the
lies.

He cleaned up Tombstone of all the bad
guys.

He came into town with really big dreams.
He loved life, gamblin' and vanilla ice
cream.

The stories they tell and lies that were told
Tells of a man unbelievable bold

And he did his part to make Tombstone be

A legend to be remembered from sea to sea.

The Trail Not Taken

By Jimmy Lehman

With apologies to Robert Frost

Two trails emerged in a rock walked
canyon,
And on my pony I stopped and stood
And being one cowboy in the sun
I had my rifle and trusty six gun
With both trails looking just as good.

I glanced them over just the same,
And one trail having the better wear,
Because of hoof prints from local game;
Since man and horse had left their name
Before I chose I said a prayer.

And both that day they equally laid
With one trail begging to be rode,
I kept the well trodden for another day
Not knowing if I should ever come that way
Upon my pony I began and strode.

I hope to be telling this story one fine day
Around the campfire for years to come;
Two trails diverged into a stone walled
canyon,
And I, I took the one less traveled by
And was never heard from again, alas and
sigh!

Cattle Trail Aroma

By Jimmy Lehman

With apologies to Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never smell
A smell like that of cattle on the trail.

A smell whose aroma is heavy and strong
That follows me on drag all day long;

A smell that lingers in the air
And rests upon me as I swear.

A smell in summer that never ends
But stays until the rain descends,

A fuel for fire it's sometimes used,
But only after its maker has oozed.

Smells like that are made somehow
And God has blessed the lonely cow.

Departments of Our Publications

**Here are some of the Departments of the
Fremont Street Mail to which you are
invited to contribute:**

Blast from the Past (a piece of interesting
history or an old newspaper article) If
you find something good, send it to
the Ink Slinger.

Poetry Corner (Cowboy and 19th Century
Poetry especially if you wrote it)
We'd like to see some of yours and
this counts as publication for **the
Fred Olds Award**.

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 (small items stumbled
upon that answer some question)
There are all kinds of things out there.

Tombstone Epitaph (a story from the
Epitaph) We try to pick one from the
current month, but we don't have the
morgue for all early editions.

Places to Visit (Interesting museums, parks
and places) Which places do you like.

Hollywood Trivia (fun stuff from the TV
and Movies)

Corral Members at Large, Out and About
(stories from Ranch Hands who have
visited or hiked to some place of
historical interest, or received
recognition or participated in telling
the world about Frontier History)

Photo Album (Photos submitted by Ranch Hands)

Local Events (flyers and notices of events of historical interest in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico)

Departments of the *Border Vidette*

Long Articles (about the Frontier West, with special attention to the local area; reprints are acceptable if the author has the rights)

Short Articles (little stories that might otherwise be lost or forgotten; some bit of history the author has stumbled across)

Reviews & Book Reports (both long and short, history and historical fiction about the Frontier West)

Recommended Books & Articles

Timelines

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at dhocking@centurylink.net or InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org
Photos, historical tidbits you've found, Corral news, news of places to visit and events of historical interest. You can have fun mining old newspapers for stories at:

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>

Tombstone Epitaph

“Two Men Killed at the South Pass of the Dragoons,” *The Tombstone Epitaph*, 3 June 1882.

The Remains Brought Here Yesterday

About noon time yesterday the city was thrown into a fever of excitement and indignation, in consequence of the arrival of the dead and mutilated bodies of Seymour Dye and Harry Curry, who were killed by the savage redskins near the South Pass of the Dragoon Mountains on Tuesday. The remains were brought here from Dial's ranch, under an escort of six men. Two of the party escorting the bodies were eye-witnesses of the slaughter. No description that we could give of the scene would be as vivid as the following statement made to an Epitaph reporter yesterday by Wm. H. Gill, who saw the murders committed, about half a mile distant from his place of observation:

“Tuesday noon, I was about six miles beyond Dial's ranch, in the South Pass; met three Indians driving about fifteen head of stock. About a mile nearer Dial's, saw two men ahead of me on a load of hay with three Indians on horseback following them. Saw the Indians rise from an arroyo a short distance behind, as they left the stack. They overtook them as they got to the road about one-quarter of a miles south of the stacks. They run in ahead of them on the road just as they reached that point, and fired one shot just as they were passing. The horses on the hay wagon, getting frightened, wheeled around in the direction of the hay stacks. The Indians again headed them off and fired one more shot. The two wagon horses stopped, and the Indians dismounted and commenced to unhitch them. Was about half or three-quarters of a miles in the rear during this time. Saw a man fall off the load as the last shot was fired. Supposed the two men were killed, and then turned back. Went back in the direction of the Chiricahuas, and had not proceeded more than a miles when we saw two Indians coming down off a hil about a mile ahead of us to the south of the road. We

were on foot and riving a pack horse. had one gun and a revolver. The Indians followed us for about half a mile. We climbed on top of a hill, lost sight of the Indians, and stopped there until evening, and then went to Dial's. Did not go by the road, consequently did not see the dead men until yesterday morning, when Dial went out some men with a team to fetch them in. Dial had no knowledge of the occurrence until informed by us. He had seen no Indians, nor sign of any, except a loud barking of dogs on the evening of the occurrence. The murdered men had been dragged about 150 yards after death. Both were scratched to a certain extent but not mutilated."

The unfortunate victims of barbarism and hate were employed as woodchoppers in the Dragoons, and had gone to the place mentioned by Mr. Gill for a load of hay. S. Neathery and the two murdered men were partners. From him we learn that Dye has a family residing at Alagan, Michigan, and Curry had no family so far as is known. Dye was thirty-five years old and Curry thirty-one. They had no property. The hostiles departed from the scene of the murder in a southeasterly direction, making for Sonora. They had a band of about 40 horses, and the presumption is gaining ground that they are driving the stock to Sonora to reinforce Juh's band that had been so thoroughly demoralized by the Mexican troops recently. While the sight of the ghastly remains naturally excited the people, still a general revolt of the savages is not expected, or danger anticipated except from a few straggling bands wandering through exposed settlements on their way back and forth between Sonora and the reservation. An inquest was held by coroner Matthews on the bodies yesterday, and a verdict returned according to the above facts.

Last Campfire & YouTube

Please go to YouTube and Subscribe to our Channel. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BTjvuenIqU>

Fred made an excellent recording of our April 6 Campfire. There were some great poems from Bob and Jimmy, too. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVwUSeLa3dU>



Harry and Bunker recorded interviews with the authors at the Tombstone Festival of western Books. Here's the podcast

<https://voicesofthewest.net/tombstone-book-festival-3-4-23/>

Sheriff Doug Hocking gave a talk about historic trails across Cochise County during the Southern Trails Chapter annual Trail Gathering in January. Here's the link to a talk on Trails Across Cochise County

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUjdSTbH7gU>

Link to a talk about the genesis to the Hasting's Cutoff on the California Trail

<https://youtu.be/NfHkmZkRr-o>
<http://medalofhonorkillednomedal.com/>

Out & About

On March 21, Bill Cavaliere spoke to the Rio Rico Historical Society on Naiche, Last Hereditary Chief of the Chiricahua Apache. He spoke on the same topic on April 1 to the New Mexico Historical Society Annual Convention at Silver City.

Doug & Debbie Hocking represented the Corral in the booth Amigos and Ladies of the



West at the Tucson Festival of Books attended by more than 130,000 folks.

On March 25, Ranch Hands Gerry Ahnert, Bob Nilson, and Doug Hocking were out to Dragoon Springs and Apache Pass with representatives of the Forest Service and the Butterfield Overland Trail Association for



informal, unofficial talks about the future of the newly designated National Historic Trail.

Ranch Hand Kathy Klump published an article in Currents about the Adams family of Texas Canyon.

On March 4 & 5 several members of the Corral participated in the Tucson Festival of Books

Places to Visit

Cooke’s Canyon, New Mexico

Cooke’s Canyon is a great place to visit because so much happened there. But, be warned, the way thither consists of a bad road and a much worse road. You probably don’t need 4WD, but you do need high clearance, strong suspension, and a knowledge of how to drive on bad dirt road.

Take Highway 394 toward Silver City and turn off on Highway 26 toward Hatch and go about 16 miles until you see a water tower on the right. Turn left onto road A019 which probably isn’t. Go about a quarter mile passing the fence and turn left following the road as it swings to the right and becomes very rough. After about 6 miles you’ll come to the Fort Cummings cemetery and Overland Mail Station foundations. There are lots of signs. Fort Cummings is about a ½ mile further down the hill.

Colonel Philip St. George Cooke and the Mormon Battalion passed this way in 1846 and thereafter many emigrants passed this way en route to California. Some remained permanently. Theirs graves are about a half mile to the left of the road as you approach Cooke’s Canyon.



In 1858, the Butterfield Overland Mail built a station here. It's near the graveyard. The plaque by an adobe structure is in front of the fort's sutler's store, not the station.

In the summer of 1862, the Freeman Thomas party stole a stagecoach from the invading Confederate commander and, being Union men, headed for California. They rested for a day at Cooke's Spring and the Overland Mail Station. This was a mistake. Cochise set up his ambush in the narrows.



About a month later, Cochise ambushed the Arizona Wagon Train of refugees fleeing Arizona following the departing Army at the same spot. Unable to turn around, they were trapped. Fortunately, Cochise and Mangas Coloradas departed following the livestock herd they had just taken instead of remaining to finish off the travelers.

In 1863, the California Volunteers established Fort Cummings which was the

only New Mexico fort to have a complete adobe wall. They were there to protect travelers.



The road to the canyon goes off to the left and in very, very rough. It heads toward the spring which is inside a building, then goes left around a hill and through two arroyos. Near the cattle feeding station the emigrant graves are a quarter mile to the left and the canyon is the road on the right. At the crest, you come to the spot where the Freeman



Thomas party fought Cochise. Of them he later said, "They were the bravest men I ever met."

Coming down on the far side, look for the sign for Frying Pan Canyon Mimbres petroglyph site. The Mimbres disappeared about 850 years ago but their art was distinctive and special.

16 miles north of Deming, turn off on 8 miles of dirt road which will take you to the Butterfield Overland Mail Station and Ft. Cummings graveyard.



After Frying Pan Canyon you come to the end of the road at a T intersection. A mile or so to the right is another Mimbres site, Pony Hills. A left turn takes you 8 miles back to the highway where a right turn takes you to Deming.

Hollywood Trivia

Enos Edward "Yakima" Canutt, 1895 to 1986, was undoubtedly the greatest stuntman of all time. I can safely write that there will never be another like him. When he started, in the silents, the stunts were real. They had to be. Today, it can all be done with CGI even the actors are in danger of being replaced. Carrie Fisher, Roy Scheider, Oliver Reed, and Peter Cushing, although dead, have all been played by CGI doubles. Perhaps the Duke still has another movie in him. If so, I hope he brings Yak along to do it right.

Yak was born in the Snake River Hills of Washington and broke his first bronc at age 11. By age 16, he was competing in and winning at rodeo. In 1914, while riding in the Pendleton Round-up, when the newspaper misidentified him as Yakima Canutt and the name stuck. It's a point of honor with the newspapers to never get a name right.



He traveled to Los Angeles where he met Tom Mix who borrowed one of Yak's two-tone shirts and had 40 copies made. He had already perfected tricks such as the Crupper Mount, where he'd leapfrog over the horse's rump into the saddle. He taught the tricks to Douglas Fairbanks. Yakima Canutt caught on as a stuntman. He perfected the famous drop from a stagecoach where the stuntman was dragged underneath.

In 1932, he began working with John Wayne whose drawling, hesitant speech and hip-rolling walk were picked up from Yak. Eventually, he got into directing. The list of films he had a part in is too lengthy to go into here. Between 1919 and 1975, if the film had great stunts, you can bet Canutt had a part in it.

<p>Coming Events Debbie Hocking</p>

April

[April 11, Open Mic at Urbano Bar & Bistro, Doug Hocking, Sierra Vista](#)

April 13 & 14 **Arizona Hybrid History Convention.**

<https://arizonahistory.org/2023-convention>

Friday the 13th on line, Saturday the 14th in Tempe.

April 14-16 **Willcox West Fest, Chuck Wagon Cook-off & Ranch Rodeo**, Quail Park, Willcox

April 14-15 **Santa Fe Trail Association Spring Workshop & Board of Directors Meeting**, Clayton, NM.

April 18, 6 p.m. **Tom Jeffords, Friend of Cochise**, Doug Hocking, Silver City Corral, NM

April 21-22 **Period Swap Meet**, Mescal

May

May 5 @ 10:00 am - May 7 @ 7:00 pm

[First Annual Tombstone Wild West Paracon That's some spooky stuff right there.](#)

[May 6 3:30 p.m. The Trial of Billy the Kid](#)
Douglas at Ray Bourne Middle School

May 27-28 **Wyatt Earp Days**, Tombstone

June

June 9 & 10, **Ranching Heritage Festival**, Willcox

[June 21 & 22, 2023: Pioneer Days](#), St. David

June 23-25 **30th Cast Reunion of the 1993 Movie Tombstone!**

July

July 12-15 **16th Annual WWHA Roundup**, San Antonio Wild West History Association

July 22 **National Day of the Cowboy**, Empire Ranch

August

August 16-20 **Santa Fe Indian Market**, Santa Fe

September

September 14-17 **The Gather of Westerners International** in Tombstone. Cochise County Corral is the host.

September 27-30 **Santa Fe Trail Association Symposium**, Independence, MO.

October

Dates unknown **Western History Assoc. Conf.**

October 7 & 8 **Art in the Park**, Sierra Vista

October 14 & 15 **Rex Allen Days**, Willcox

October 14 & 15 **Patagonia Fall Fest**, Patagonia

October 20-22 **Helldorado**, Tombstone

October 25-28 **Tombstone Territory Rendezvous**, Tombstone

November

November 4 & 5 **Cowboy Festival**, Empire Ranch

December

December 9, **Christmas at the Ranch**, Empire Ranch

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
 Or Michelejeanmary@gmail.com

If you don't have military ID, it may take a little effort at the gate to get on Fort Huachuca, but the effort is worth it.

OPEN MIC

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

6 PM - 8 PM

Urbano Bar & Bistro

4711 Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ

Bring your short stories, poems, and music to share!

Plus

- **Author Reading and Q & A**
- **Book signing**

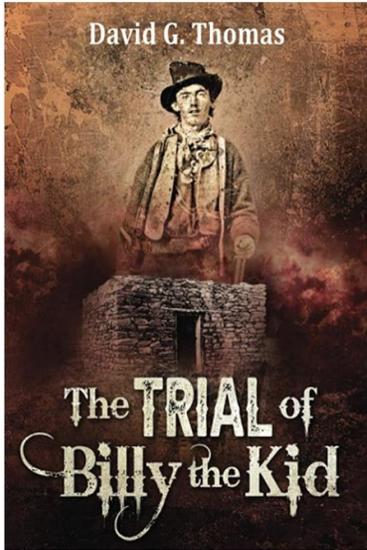
Guest Author
Doug Hocking

Contact us at: creativewriting@cochise.edu

ENTERTAINING

EDUCATIONAL

HISTORICAL



Billy the Kid. In 1881, Billy was put on trial in New Mexico for allegedly shooting Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady and one of his deputies.

This case was complicated, because Sheriff Brady was in charge of a posse that killed businessman and rancher John Tunstall, the employer and friend of Billy.

Join the Portal Arizona Players as they re-enact the celebrated trial of Billy The Kid, based on the book by David G. Thomas.

Watch the cross examination of witnesses by prosecuting attorney Simon Newcomb and defense counsel Albert J. Fountain.

Before the play, singer and composer Dan Crow will offer a live musical presentation of original western songs.



Kangaroo Court ?

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Location: Ray Borane Middle School Auditorium - 840 E 12th St, Douglas, AZ 85607

Time: 3:30 pm - Western Music by Dan Crow 4:00 pm - Play begins

Admission: Students: FREE; Teachers, Parents, The Public: \$5.00

Proceeds to support the Cochise County Historical Society

COWBOY/WESTERN TACK & SWAP MEET



Mescal Movie Set

April 21 & 22

9:00 AM -- 3:00 PM

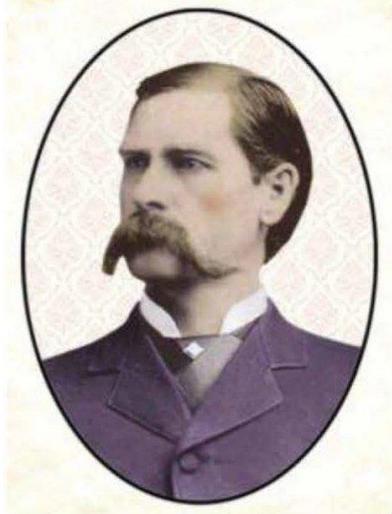
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Food Trucks! Come out for lunch!

Advance tickets or reservations are not needed.
Entry is only \$10 per car so bring your family and friends!
Historical Tours will not be available during the event however, guests will be able to walk the main street.

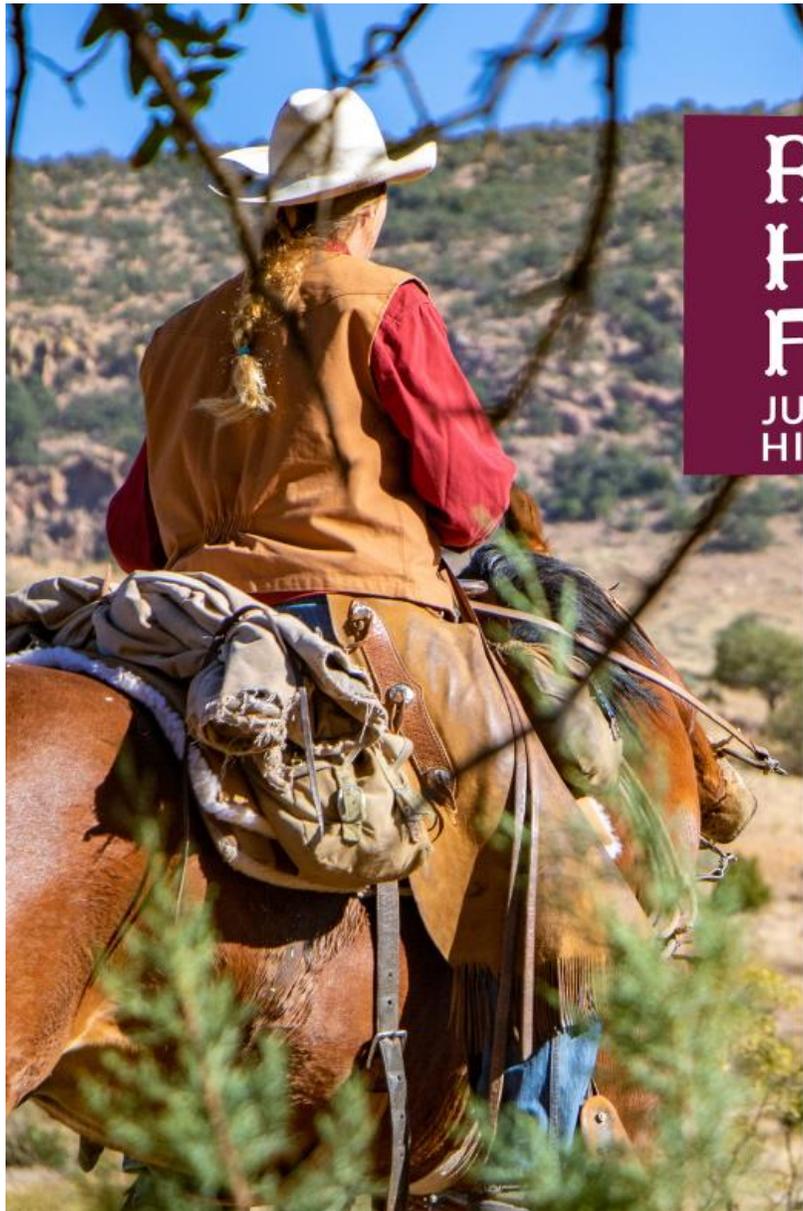
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Annual Wyatt Earp Days 2023
 May 27 @ 10:00 am - May 28 @ 4:00 pm



An event in honor of one of Tombstone's most famous lawmen, Wyatt Earp.

Come to Tombstone and enjoy the adventures of the old west with Wyatt Earp Days. This annual Memorial Day weekend celebration in "The Town Too Tough to Die" is much like stepping back in time. Men, women and children dress in 1880s Old West styles to celebrate the life and times of the town's most-famous lawman. Scheduled activities include Gunfights, Chili Cook-off, Hangings, and an 1880's Fashion Show. You will also find Street Entertainment and a Wyatt look-alike contest. Sponsored by the Tombstone Lions Club. For more information contact Bill at 520-457-3511, Pat at 520-457-3451 or visit their website at facebook.com/wyattearpdays/



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**Invitation to the 2024 Second Annual
Tombstone Festival of Western Books**

Sponsored by the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners
and the Cochise County Historical Society

1. Western Authors & Friends. The festival is for authors of Frontier and Modern Westerns including novels, historical fiction, history, travel, mystery, cookbooks of Western recipes. It is also open for Friends of Western Literature *as space allows*, including:
 - a. Historical Societies and libraries
 - b. Historical Sites including museums, movie sets, historic ranches.
 - c. Actors & Reenactors including gamblers and bunco artists and others whose arts can reasonably be performed indoors and who can reasonably be seen as *draws*.
 - d. *Voices of the West* podcast and *True West* Magazine.
2. The event is for authors as an occasion to sell their books and meet their public. To this end entry fees are kept low (\$25), and commercial sponsors solicited. Friends of Western Literature and sponsoring historical societies will be allowed table space without charge *as space permits*. Also, as space permits: bookstores, editors, publishers (\$50).
3. The event will be held on the Wednesday before the Tucson Festival of Books (the first or second weekend in March; in 2024 either February 28 or March 6). The event will be held in **Schieffelin Hall**, Fremont St. (Highway 80) at 4th St., **Tombstone, AZ**.
4. Applications must be received prior to the last day of January including check for the fee. Acceptance and awarding of space will be communicated via email by the end of the first week of February. (Those not selected will have their check refunded, promptly).
5. Coffee and lunch will be provided in a small socializing area behind the stage. No food or beverage will be brought into the main hall.
6. Authors and exhibitors will be allowed about 3.5 feet of table (half of a large table). Table assignments are the purview of the organizers but requests to share tables will be honored.
7. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
8. Authors will arrive at NLT 8 a.m. to set up. Authors and exhibitors agree to arrive on time and remain until 6 p.m. so as not to disrupt others.
9. Checks will be made out to *Cochise County Corral of the Westerners* and applications sent to:
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners
P.O. Box 393
Tombstone, Arizona 85638
10. Authors and Friends may apply for a time to speak. One hour will be allowed between talks. It is hoped that authors will use ½ hour to introduce themselves and their books and ½ to be the *prime* book signer and seller. These authors will appear on the schedule. Other authors will be permitted time as the scheduled authors yield it.
11. All authors and exhibitors, excluding non-profits, must have a Transaction Privilege Tax (Arizona sales tax) license. This is a state requirement, and the organizers must keep a list. The license costs about \$13. Information and licenses may be acquired on line at: <https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpt-license> Be sure to go to an azdor.gov site and no other.



Autograph Signing

Mescal Movie Set /Buckaroos Night

Actors Symposium

Parade

and MORE...

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DANA WHEELER-NICHOLSON
'Mattie Earp'



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'Kate'



ROBERT JOHN BURKE
'Frank McLaury'



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'Tom McLaury'



PETER SHERAYKO
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Chris Mitchum
'Ranch Foreman'



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*STARS SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Willcox West Fest

Chuck Wagon Cook-Off & Ranch Rodeo

EVENT SCHEDULE **April 14-16, 2023**

We are excited for all the events this year. We have 8 chuckwagons cooking lunch, 20+ vendors and jam packed contestant roster!

Free parking & admission by donation

FRIDAY April 14

- 12noon - Chuckwagons setting up
- 12noon - Concession opens
- 3pm - Vendors on site
- 3pm - Chuckwagon Judging
- 6pm - Visit with the Chuckwagon crews
- 6pm - Pee Wee, Youth 3-D & Open 4-D Barrel Race
- 6pm - Hot Dogs and S'mores by the campfire
- 6pm-7pm Guitar pickin & singing by the campfire
- Enjoy sitting under the stars!



SATURDAY April 15

- 8am - Gates opens
- 8am - Concession stand opens
- 9am - Vendor's on site
- 9am - Beer/wine garden opens
- 10am - Team Tying Competitions
- 10am - Chuck wagon lunch tickets go on sale under the Pavilion
- 12noon - Lunch served (cooked by the chuckwagons)
- 1pm - Kids boot scramble in arena sponsored by the EXPO Youth
- 1:30pm - Calcutta Ranch Rodeo Teams
- 2pm - Opening Ceremony
- Following opening ceremony, Jr & Adult Ranch Rodeo & Wild Horse Race
- Intermission: Chuck Wagon awards presented, Hall of Fame honorees announced & gate drawing
- 5pm - Steak dinner served (until gone)
- 6pm - Calcutta Wild Horse Race Finals (tentive)
- 7pm - Drawing for Rifle



Live 9am-1pm Saturday

Sunday April 16

- 8am - Breakfast (cooked by the chuckwagons)
- 9am - Cowboy Church
- 9:30am - Concession stand opens
- 10am - Vendor's on site
- 10am - T.O. Run
- 12noon - Pee Wee, Youth 3-D & Open 4-D Barrel Race



Come join us for a family fun weekend.

Contact Information

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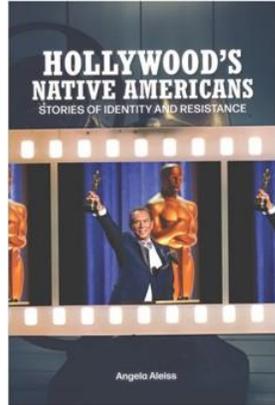
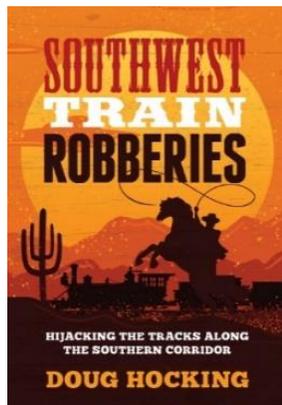
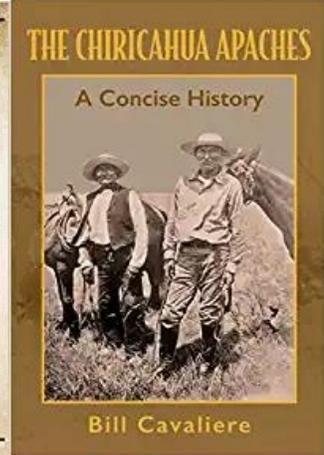
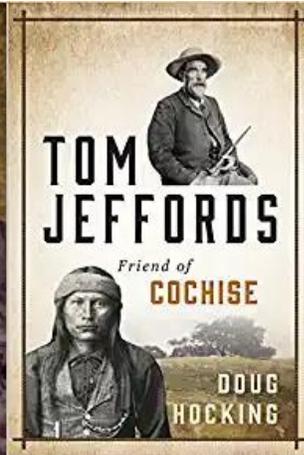
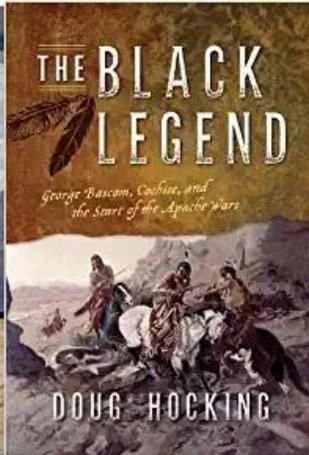
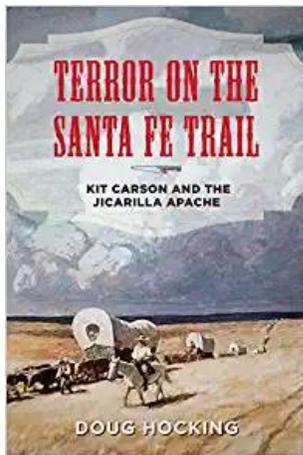
General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins

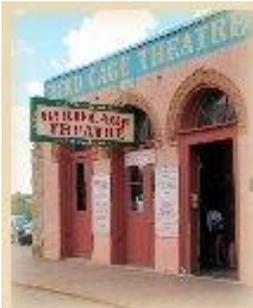
Kathy Klump of the Sulphur Springs Valley and Bill Cavaliere of the Cochise County Historical Societies had coins struck commemorating the General O.O. Howard – Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 on its sesquicentennial.

**These are available for \$5
And make excellent Christmas Gifts.**



Ranch Hands who are authors, if you'd like your book to appear here, send me a photo of the cover





The Gather at Tombstone



The Town to Tough to Die

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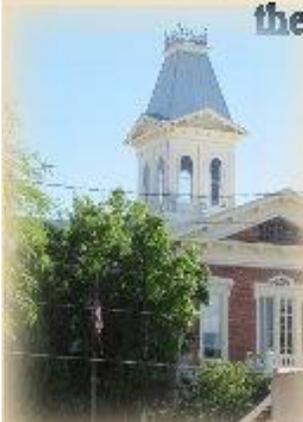
September 14 to 17, 2023



More than a gunfight. Conquistadors in 1540 to the Butterfield Overland Mail in 1858. Cochise's Stronghold is nearby. Mining, Apaches, Cavalry, the Southern Emigrant Trail Stagecoach and Train Robberies.

Tombstone Has it All!

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Santa Fe Indian Market
Santa Fe, New Mexico
August 19-20, 2023



Membership Form November 2022



The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you
to renew a fun, informal group of people
2023 RENEWAL

Every First Thursday of the Month

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

At Schieffelin Hall

On Freemont Street

Dinner 5:30 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
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – *Fremont Street Mail* – Quarterly journal – *Border Vidette*. www.CochiseCountyCorral.org
- ❖ **Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021**



Membership only \$20 per person per year

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

My name and changes renewing member of the Corral - Membership \$20 for 2023
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

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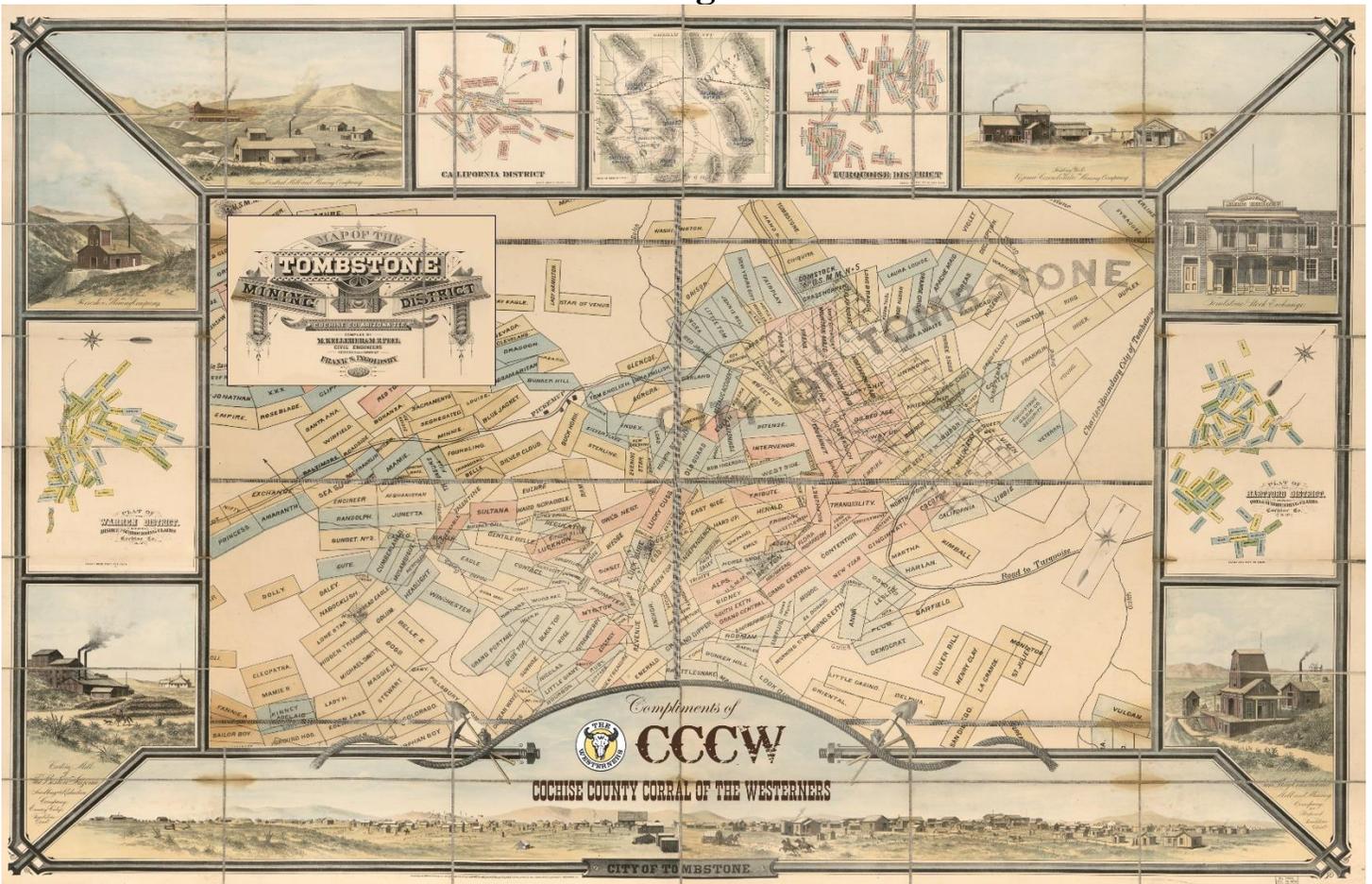
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The Cochise County Corral meets at Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ
Information contact: Sheriff Doug Hocking (doug@doughocking.com) or Nevada Smith at (520) 642 7601

Send Completed Application and check for \$20 to:
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**Map of the Tombstone Claims
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At the next meeting