

# FREMONT STREET MAIL



**April 12, 2022**

## **Roundup Foreman's Trumpet**

**Liz Severn**

On Thursday May 5, 2022: The public is welcomed to this free event. Award-winning author Jan Cleere will give a presentation on her book entitled *Levi's & Lace: Arizona Women Who Made History*. She will tell us about several of the ladies in her book, which contains information on women from teachers and entrepreneurs to artists and healers. These ladies include Hispanic, African American, Native American, and Anglo women who made their mark in the intriguing history of this state. Jan hopes to have books for sale in the lobby. There will be an optional no host pre-meeting **dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant** on Allen Street.



June 2, 2022: Mike Mihaljevich will speak on The Photos of Charleton Watkins.

July 7, 2022: Bill Cavaliere will speak on The Early Settlers: A Colorful Past.

August 4, 2022: Matt Greenway and friends from Empire Ranch will speak on Empire Ranch.

September 1, 2022: Jon Donahue will speak on Frederick Remington, Artist of the True West.

## **Recorder of Marks and Brands**

**Gary Smith**

**Pre-meeting dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Longhorn.**

The Corral will acquire a mailbox in Tombstone giving us a business address for the first time.

Under discussion are how we will archive our records, whether we will send anyone to the Gather, the annual meeting of Westerners International in Colorado Springs, and the need for folks to take over the Telegrapher position and handle our Facebook page and press releases.

The Corral has submitted Sheriff Doug Hocking for the Living Legend Award from Westerners International. Good luck to those Ranch Hands submitted for awards. We

won't know until the fall if they've won, but we do know that the Home Ranch has received the applications.

The Corral has to drop these former members for non-payment of dues. If you think you're on here in error, or if you wish to renew, let us know.

- Aros, Joyce, who is ill.
- Bouilly, Richard, whose wife remains a Ranch Hand.
- deMay, Maggie;
- Dougherty, Stacia;
- Enss, Chris, president of the Western Writers of America who remains a friend of the Corral but is very busy in California where she lives.
- Glasgow, Kevin;
- Langnor, Linda (with D Witthoft);
- Langnor, Dennis Wittoft;
- Lemley, Charles, whose wife remains a Ranch Hand;
- Schuemann, Steve;
- Severn, John, whose wife Liz, remains a Ranch hand.
- Van Otten, Ruth, her husband remains a Ranch Hand.
- Welch, Elaine & Guy.

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

- 69 Ranch Hands and rising
- We have in Checking - \$745.65
- We have in Savings - \$1019.85
- March Expenses: \$629.15 including annual dues to Westerners International
- March Income: \$166.75
- At the April 7 meeting we had income of we had income well over \$500!

**Trail Boss's Whip**  
**Ilona Smerekanich**

**Trail Ride to Slaughter Ranch, April 23. SADDLE UP for the April 23rd (Saturday)**  
 Trail Ride to the John Slaughter Ranch in Douglas, AZ. Brown bag lunch at the picnic grounds following the tour. Meet at Schieffelin Hall parking lot, departing at 10:00 A.M. for the ranch. It's about a (2) hour drive. As always, carry water and wear comfortable shoes. \$5 admission. No pets.



**How the Chips Fall**  
**Charlie Eyster**

As of April 2, 2022:  
 Accounts have been reconciled.



**Amerind and Fulton House Tour:** June 25th (Saturday). (2) tours, 10:30 A.M. and 12 noon. 20 people maximum, 10 people per tour. The tour includes the Fulton House and the Museum. Amerind members are free, adults \$12, seniors \$10. We have the option of a brown bag lunch at the picnic grounds, 2:00 P.M. One group of 10 will visit the Fulton House while the other visits the museums of art and history.

I'm working on a repeat visit to Mescal in October or November.

**Sheriff's Star**  
**Doug Hocking**

**Why awards are important.**

I've attended the International Westerners Convention twice and would like to do so again and I've spoken at almost every Corral in Arizona and New Mexico. I have been a judge for some of the international awards. I've been with Westerners for about 15 years. In that time the Corral has won the Heads Up Award three times. They said we couldn't win even once, but we did. Why is it important?

1. **Pride** – pride in ourselves for a job well done.
2. **Recruiting** – it encourages folks to join us to be part of something special. If we are not growing, we are dying. We need new members to keep going.
3. **Tradition** – we are carrying on an important to tradition that some would like to stamp out. We need to keep growing to do this.
4. **Corral Health** – the Heads Up is a measure of Corral health. It is the “business plan” that supports us as a franchisee. If we don't want to follow the business plan, what is the point of being part of Westerners International? In the past, there have been those who thought we ought to depart from Westerners International since the Home Ranch wasn't doing anything for us. This was their error. They had never consulted the business plan.

If you haven't explored the Westerners website <http://www.westerners-international.org> you are missing out. You're ignoring the business plan.

Over the years I've learned what they are looking for in the Heads Up Award. Here are some of those things:

1. Participation in the other awards by Ranch Hands is important as well. Why would they want to, why is it important?
  - a. Cash prizes



b. Recognition – this is important for historians and authors in promoting their work.

2. Carrying On the Western Tradition and passing it on to the next generation. They want to see that we are engaging children and youth.

3. Home Ranch wants to see that we are acquitting first rate speakers from among people who are actually in engaged in studying and researching Western frontier history.

4. Home Ranch encourages Corrals to publish a newsletter. It ties the Corral together and gives Ranch Hands a way to participate.

5. Publishing a journal is important as it attracts historians and writers and preserves our past and gives Ranch Hands another way to participate. Our journal, the Border Vidette, is special in that it pioneers a new type of publishing and encourages a broad spectrum of material.

6. Publication of a book – it's doable, although few Corrals have yet to do it.

7. A website give people a way to find us.

8. A Facebook Page – Facebook is replacing newspapers as an advertising medium.

9. Four Trail Rides per year is our goal. It used to be stated and they're fun. Our area is rich in historic sites to visit.

10. Diverse Campfire Agenda presenting not just one speaker but also Ranch Hand participation in Cowboy Poetry, Short History, Book Reviews, and even baking cookies. We're looking for Ranch Hands who participate, not zombies.

11. Outreach – WI finds the things we do to spread the tradition important.

12. Outreach to Youth – This one is really important with WI. The leadership feels children are being robbed of their heritage and it is up to us to take it to them.

12. Scholarship Prize – we've never tried to promote this one. WI awards scholarships.

13. Increasing membership – this is a sign that the Corral is healthy and that is what the Heads Up is all about.

14. Outreach to other Corrals – I keep in contact with other Corrals to find out what they are doing and how they are faring. We've learned a lot for other Corrals.

15. Number of programs – they want to see that we are meeting regularly. If you don't meet regularly in a fixed location, you lose people who can't find you and who get out of the habit.

16. Programs by Ranch Hands – they want to see that our people are participating not just being entertained.

17. Participation in the Danielson Award for best presentation.

18. What-did-I-miss factor? We want people coming who are excited and feel they've missed something important if they miss a Campfire.

19. Preservation of the Corral's Archive.

20. Presentations available on Zoom, YouTube, and/or DV

### Deep Thoughts on History

**This column has remained unsigned as we're hoping others may find occasion to submit an article.**

I spent a Saturday in March out at Dragoon Springs with Gerry Ahnert and Bob Nilson. The Sons of the Confederate Veterans have (illegally) concreted in a monument (brass star surrounded by a wreath) to mark a pile of rocks they claim is the grave of three Overland Mail employees killed in October 1858. This is to bolster their claim that the actual, well-known graves of these men are the graves of Confederates three of whom were killed near Dragoon Springs a mile to the south. The SCV took an "archaeologist" out there and she pronounced the ground rock to be two graves. The graves of the Overland

Mail employees are well-known since 1858, drawn in a sketch in 1860, attested to in a 1908 letter by Silas St. John who was there in 1858, but that doesn't stop the SVC. That may give you some idea what we're up against.

I am certain that most piles of rocks in the desert along trails are just that, piles of rocks. To find graves you'd start with innumerable trail journals and stories. You'd then make two assumptions: 1. The people writing actually knew and accurately recorded where they were, 2. You can understand and correctly interpret what they have described.

Ground penetrating radar is pretty much useless. Most graves in the desert are piles of rock. In most cases they couldn't dig very deep; that's why they piled rock to keep animals out. Ground penetrating radar only works where the ground is flat, not bumpy. It can only tell you that there may have been a disturbance to the soil and give you it's shape. It was tried at the Pioneer Cemetery in Sierra Vista which is supposed to contain 160 graves. They definitely located at least 4 and maybe four more.

Many travelers believed that Indians would dig up the graves to steal the things that had been buried with people or to mutilate the bodies, so they hid the graves by driving livestock and wagons over them.

In 1967, someone dug up one of the graves at Dragoon Springs and took bones and anything else they found. At Charleston cemetery, headstones were taken and graves disturbed between 1960 and 1990. Two headstones were found at a yard sale in Sierra Vista.

At Boothill, which wasn't called Boothill, in Tombstone the old wooden markers rotted away. So, when the owners turned it into a

tourist attraction, they put up new markers. Many of these headstones mark the graves of people who definitely aren't there. Others have the correct name of people who are known to be there, but who knows if the headstones are in the right the spot. Highway 80 passed through part of the graveyard.

People tended to camp ½ mile to a mile off the trail. Some campsites are well known, others, not so much. People tended to die at campsites and be buried nearby. The trail is braided. People went around obstacles in a variety of ways and sought out wood, grass, and water. The pioneer trails enter Cochise County from the east at Doubtful Canyon, Granite Gap, and Guadalupe Canyon and follow at least 10 different paths through the county. In 1960, Mormon Boy Scouts marked the "grave" of a fellow named Smith, the only fellow to die on the trail in 1846 with the Mormon Battalion (he wasn't a Mormon). They probably have the spot, south of Paul Spur, within a mile of where he was buried.

### Blast from the Past

**As I research, I happen upon items I think you might like. If you come upon something, please submit it and we'll put your name on the column that month.**

*Black Jack, Tom Ketchum, thought he was dying and told the world that he was "the one and only original Black Jack." He wasn't Black Jack at all. Jack was a Cochise County Cowboy and member of the High Five Gang who had already been killed before Tom made the claim, but Tom paid the price.*

"Ketchum Pays the Penalty," *Santa Fe New Mexican*, 26 April 1901.

### **Dies A Horrible Death**

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Rope Broke and His Head Was Severed From His Body -- His Last Hours He Blasphemed and Asked for Music

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Denver, Colo., April 26. - A special to the Times from Clayton, N.M., says: "Ketchum passed a quiet night, ate a hearty breakfast, took a bath and put on a new suit of clothes this morning. Twenty deputies were on guard last night. A priest from Trinidad was with him from midnight till dawn. In an interview with John R. Guyer, his attorney yesterday he asked him to write a letter to President McKinley, which was done.

As his attorney was leaving he said: "Hey, tell Harrington I'll meet him Hell for breakfast." Harrington is the conductor who shot his arm off. The \*\*\* is well guarded and quiet. Ketchum made the strange request that he be buried face downward. Upon awakening this morning he remarked it was \*\*\* and asked Sheriff Garcia to hurry on with the hanging so he could get to Hell in time for dinner.

#### CONFESSION BY KETCHUM

Denver, Colo., April 26. - A special to the Denver Post from Clayton, N.M., \*\*\* Thomas E. Ketchum, who is to be hanged there at noon today, mailed the following letter to President McKinley this morning:

Sir: Being now at the town of Clayton awaiting my execution set for this day and realizing the importance to the \*\*\* of other men and the duty I consider to be incumbent upon myself, standing in the presence of a death before human aid can't reach me, I here do communicate you by means of a letter, facts I deem would be of interest to the people through their president and perhaps be the means of the \*\*rating of innocent men. There are \*\*\* three men in the Santa Fe penitentiary serving a sentence for the robbery of the U.S. mail at Stein's Pass, N.M., in 1897, vis:

Leonard Albertson, Walter Huffman and Bill Waterson. They are innocent of the crime as an unborn babe. The names of the men who committed the crime are \*\*\* Atkins, Ed. Cullin, Will Curver, Sam Ketchum, Broncho Bill and myself. I have given my attorney in Clayton the means by which the articles taken in said robbery may be found where we hid them, also the names of witnesses who live in that vicinity who can testify that myself and gang were in the neighborhood, both immediately before and after the robbery. The proof that these men are innocent and \*\*\*ring, impels me to make a confession. While you cannot help and while I realise all efforts to secure me a commutation of sentence have \*\*\*\*ly \*\*\*, I wish to do this much in the interest of innocent men who, so far as I know, never committed a crime in their lives. I make this statement, fully realizing that my end is fast approaching and I must very soon meet my maker.

Very respectfully, your servant,  
THOMAS E. KETCHUM

At 11:30, Ketchum asked for music. A violin and guitar were sent for.

Ketchum talked over an hour with \*\*\*, cooler than any one who met \*\*\* He declared that death is preferable to imprisonment. Ketchum told of the robberies in which he was con \*\*\* ed, but declared he never killed a man, and only shot three. He said he was not Black Jack and that the bandit still lived. Ketchum refused to the names of friends still at liberty.

#### THE ROPE BROKE

Clayton, N.M., April 26 - Ketchum mounted the scaffold at 1:17 p.m.: the trap was sprung at 1:31; the rope breaking but the fall jerked his head off.

#### TOO BIG A DROP

Clayton, N.M., April 26 - Ketchum was very pale as he mounted the platform, but showed

no fear. A priest at his side. He declined to make a speech and merely muttered: “Goodbye please dig my grave very deep,” finally “All right, hurry up.” His trembled, but his nerve did not fail.

When the body dropped through the trap the half inch rope severed hiis head as cleanly as if a knife had cut it. His body pitched forward, the blood spurting forth, the headless trunk. Many spectators turned away in horror. Dr. Black pronounced life extinct in five minutes. The drop of seven feet was too great for so heavy a man.

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**Poetry Corner**  
**By Bob Spahle**

**Ridin’ the Range**

By Bob Spahle

*(presented at Corral April 7, 2022)*

Ridin’ the range in wide open spaces  
Thinking of rain and pretty girls faces.  
The cattle are fat and the grass is high.  
Nuthin’ prettier than a big blue sky.

The creak of the saddle, the dust in the air  
You can still smell the perfume of that golden  
girl’s hair.

Ridin’ the line 10 hours a day,  
Nobody does it because of the pay.

You followed your dad and Grandpa Jones,  
‘till ridin’ and ropin’ got into your bones.  
You’ll never get rich if money’s your king.  
But ridin’ the range fills up your whole being.

Cups of black coffee, one last piece of pie,  
We might tell tall stories but don’t outright  
lie.

Brought up to love Mama and the smell of cut  
hay.

That’s just a taste of the Cowboy Way.

**Call for Input**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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** (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](mailto:dhocking@centurylink.net) or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto: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>

## Last Campfire

Nancy Sosa spoke to the Corral at the April meeting about Brunckow's Cabin, the Arizona Murder House. The house was crowded and we picked up several new Ranch Hands. If you missed it, you can watch this excellent presentation on the video on YouTube at the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/brunckowcabin>



## Tombstone Epitaph

*Tombstone Epitaph*, 16 March 1881.

**Hold!**

*Eight Road Agents Attempt to Stop Kinnear's Stage*

*The Terrible "Hold!" Followed by a Volley! "Budd," the Driver, and One Passenger Killed.*

*A Good Man Gone to Meet His Marker.*

*Brave Bob Paul on Deck as Usual*

*He Answers the Robbers Shot for Shot.*

*Contention City, Tombstone and Benson Aroused.*

*Three Bands of Armed Men After the Robbers.*

*Probability that They Will be Soon Captured.*

At about 11 o'clock last night, Marshal Williams received a telegram from Benson stating that Kinnear & Company's coach carrying Wells Fargo & Co's treasure, had been stopped near Contention and "Budd" Philpot, the driver, killed and one passenger mortally wounded. Almost immediately afterward A.C. Cowan, Wells Fargo & Co.'s agent at Contention City, rode into this city, bringing a portion of the details of the affair. In a few minutes after his arrival, Williams, the Earp brothers, and several other brave, determined men were in the saddle, well armed, en route to the scene of the murderous



affray. From telegrams received from Benson at the EPITAPH office, the following particulars of the affair were gathered:

As the stage was going up a small incline about two hundred yards this side of Drew's Station and about a mile the other side of Contention City, a man stepped into the road from the east side and called out "Hold!" At the same moment a number of men - believed to have been eight - made their appearance, and a shot was fired from the same side of the road, instantly followed by another. One of these shots struck "Budd" Philpot, the driver, who fell heavily forward between the wheelers, carrying the reins with him. The horses immediately sprang into a dead run. Meanwhile, Bob Paul, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, one of the bravest and coolest men who ever sat on a box-seat, was ready with his gun and answered back shot for shot before the frightened horses had whirled the coach out of range. It was fully a mile before the team could be brought to a stand, when it was discovered that one of the shots had mortally wounded a passenger on the coach named Peter Roering. As soon as the coach could be stopped, Paul secured the reins and drove rapidly to Benson, and immediately started back for the scene of the murder. AT Benson a telegram was sent to the EPITAPH office, stating that Roering could not possibly live. There were eight passengers on the coach, and they all united in praise of Mr. Paul's bravery and presence of mind.

At Drew's Station the firing and rapid whirling by of the coach sent the men at the station to the scene of the tragedy, when they found poor "Budd" lying dead in the road, and by the bright moonlight saw the murderers fleeing rapidly from the place. A messenger was at once despatched [sic] to inform agent Cowan of the circumstances, and within twenty minutes after the news arrived Mr. Cowan had despatched [sic] nearly thirty well-armed volunteers after the

scoundrels. He then rode rapidly into Tombstone, when the party above mentioned started out to aid in the pursuit. This, with Mr. Pall's [sic] party, makes three bodies of determined men who are in hot chase, and Mr. Cowan stated to an EPITAPH reporter that it is almost impossible for the murderous gang to escape, as the pursuers are close at their heels and have the moonlight in their favor. Should the road-agents be caught they will meet with the short shift which they deserve.

"Budd," the murdered driver, whose real name is Eli Philpot, was one of the most widely known stage-drivers on the Coast. For years he has borne a high reputation as a skillful handler of the "ribbons," was on the principal stage lines in California, and during a year's residence in Arizona, most of the latter time in the employ of Kinnear's (formerly Walker & Co.'s) line. He will be sincerely mourned, not only by hosts of personal friends, but by thousands of passengers who have ridden on the box-seat with him and been captivated by his simple manners and frank, manly ways. It was a rare treat to "make the trip" with him, for his memory was rich in reminiscences of the "old stage days" in California, and when he so willed he could keep a companion's attention riveted by by his quaint, droll conversation. He has a wife and young family at Calistoga, California, who had the tenderest [sic] place in his big heart. And now there is another little home in the world which has been desolated and despoiled by the ruthless bullet. There is something inexpressibly sad in the sudden death of such outwardly rough, but inwardly brave, true-hearted men and no better representation of this class could be found that the man whom the murderers last night sent unwarned to his home. He was as proud and fond of his team and the big new coach on which he met his death as if they were human, and the horses always seemed

to know when “Budd” was at the other end of the lines.

“Budd” has had a presentment of coming evil ever since the night, a short time ago, when the stage was stopped between Tombstone and Contention, a a bullet sent whizzing between him and Jack Allman. The latter gentleman, between whom and “Bud” a strong friendship existed, states that only on Monday morning last he mailed for his friend a long and loving letter to the dear ones at home. But before the missive reaches its

destination the wires will have borne the crushing intelligence that will cause the bitterest of all human heart-aches.

Jack, who is agent for Kinnear & Co., probably had himself a narrow escape, from the fact that his usual place with the coach was behind “Budd” on the upper box seat, and the only reason why he was not there last night was the fact that the withdrawal of an opposition stage line made unnecessary his nightly trip to Benson.

**Out and About**

First and foremost, this is a column all Ranch Hands can contribute to. **We welcome your stories.** I do a lot, so I’ve always got something I hope you find interesting. But the column is for all of you to contribute to. A photo or several and a paragraph or two or more is enough.

It’s been a busy month for Doug Hocking. First, Debbie and I hosted Amigos and Ladies of the West at the Tucson Festival of Books. Eight authors signed and sold their own work.



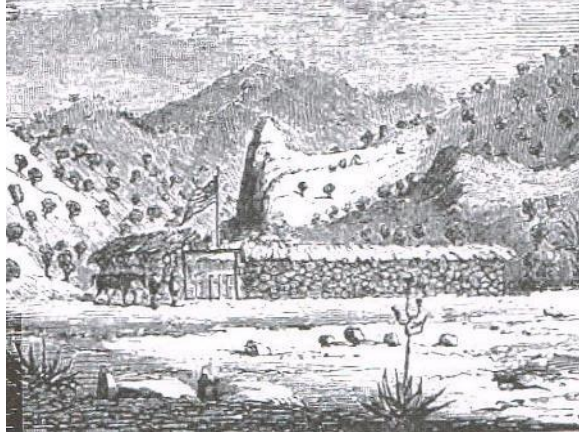
Left to right: Doug Hocking, Lowell Volk, Gil Storms, songstress Carol Markstrom, Bill Markley, who is only pretending to be in the photo, Manuela Schneider from Germany, Melody Groves. Seated: Rod Timanus and Chris Enss. Debbie, not shown, was handling the cash register.

Doug was out to Mescal and twice to Dragoon Springs. The first trip to the Springs was to take some measurements and shoot some camera angles making comparisons to earlier work.

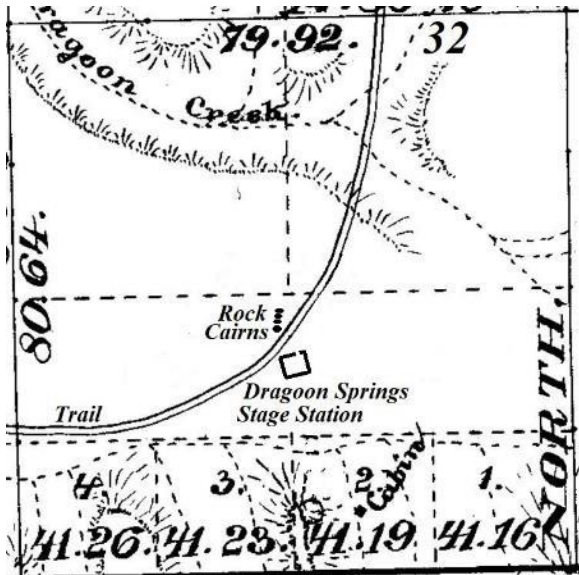


Melody Groves and Doug Hocking





The photo is an attempt to replicate the angle shown in the 1860 sketch showing the two graves of the Overland Mail employees murdered in 1858 in relation to the entrance and the mountain and canyon in the background



We're really hoping some of you will start submitting stories to Out and About concerning your travels, adventures, and activities.

**Coming Events**

April 15 – 17 – **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Willcox West Fest & Chuck Wagon Cook-off & Ranch Rodeo**, Quail Park Arena, Willcox

April 16 – 2pm – **The Black Legend: George Bascom, Cochise, and the Start of the Apache Wars, Doug Hocking**, Tubac Presidio Park

April 16 10am - 2 pm. **Return of the Magnificent Legends!** Mescal. A meet and greet with some of the cast and crew from the historical movies filmed at the Mescal Movie Set. Book your Historical Tour online and meet the Mescal Legends! <https://www.mescalmovieset.com/book-online>

April 23 – **Trail Ride to Slaughter Ranch**, Cochise County Corral.

April 25 -17 – **Southern Trails Chapter, OCTA, Symposium**. Temecula, CA. Includes trail ride to Vail Ranch, Overland Mail Stations, San Pascual Battlefield. Register at <https://southerntrails.thetaleofthetrail.org/>

May 12 – Noon – Brown Bag in Willcox\* – **Jan Cleere Military Wives on the AZ Frontier**

May 28- 29 - **Wyatt Earp Days 2022**

July 22-23 - **St. David Pioneer Days**

July 23 – **National Day of the Cowboy**, Empire Ranch

September 2-5 – **Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**

September 3-4 - **Showdown in Tombstone 2022**

September 4-6th, **Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**, "Best Little Rodeo in Arizona", Sonoita

September 15 -17 – **Colorado Springs Gather of Westerners International**, hosted by Pikes



Peak Posse. Contact [posse@dewittenterprises.com](mailto:posse@dewittenterprises.com) or call 719-473-0330.

Oct 1-3 – **Rex Allen Days**, Willcox

? **Wild Bunch Film Festival** Historic Willcox Theater

October 21-23 - **Tombstone Helldorado Days 2022**

October 26-30 – **Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous**, Tombstone

Sources:

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\* Brown Bag lunch in Willcox at the Palace of Art and Theater on Railroad Ave.



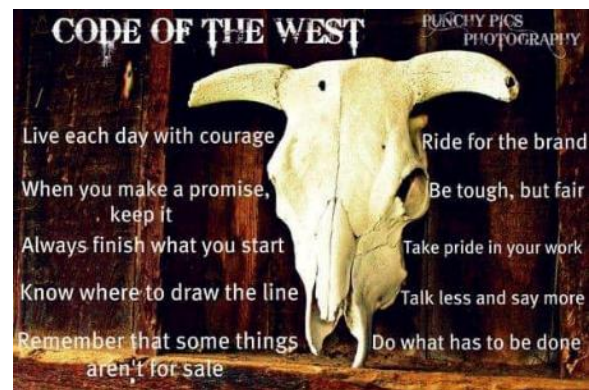
**Chiricahua Regional Museum**  
127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643  
520 384-3971  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Last Month:

**Hollywood Trivia**  
**Deputy Sheriff Nevada Smith**

Last Month’s Trivia Question:

Richard Boone played the part of Paladin, a gentleman gun for hire, in “Have Gun – Will Travel.” If you wanted to hire him for a job, in which city and which hotel would you find his office, assuming it hadn’t burned down?

**Hotel Carlton in San Francisco**



**Places to Visit**  
**By Gary Smith**

One of my stops last week was at monument valley which is on the Navajo reservation to photograph the shadow of the mitten. The Monument Valley Mitten Shadow happens twice each year, first in late March then again in September. On these days, and for a day or two before and after, the West Mitten Butte casts a perfect shadow upon East Mitten Butte at sunset creating what’s come to be known as the ‘Monument Valley Mitten Shadow’. Adding to the short window that the shadow is visible each year, is the fact that the sky must be clear enough for direct sunlight to be hitting the mittens. If it’s overcast at sunset, the shadow doesn’t


happen, I was there three evenings and got this on the last evening, the other two evenings were overcast. The shadow lasts only a few minutes, then vanishes. It is quite a show by mother nature.



While at Mescal, Doug Hocking experimented with the design of a new set of banners for his booth. He wants to give the impression of depth in entering a Western town. What do you think?



Announcements



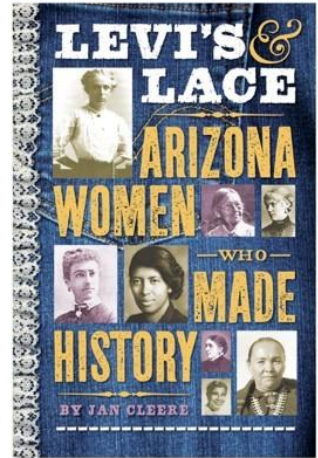
**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**  
 Thursday May 5th, 7 PM at Schieffelin Hall **FREE**

Presenter:  
Jan Cleere

# Frontier Women!



Award-winning author Jan Cleere will give a presentation on her book entitled **Levi's & Lace: Arizona Women Who Made History**. She will tell us about several of the ladies in her book, which contains information on women from teachers and entrepreneurs to artists and healers. These ladies include Hispanic, African American, Native American, and Anglo women who made their mark in the intriguing history of this state.



*Author, historian and expert speaker Jan Cleere writes extensively about the desert southwest, particularly the people who first settled the territory. Her freelance work appears in national and regional publications including Arizona Highways Magazine. Jan was a finalist for the Sharlot Hall Alice B. Longan award.*

Jan hopes to have books for sale in the lobby!



*See you at Schieffelin!*

4th and Fremont, in Tombstone



**Regular meetings at 7 PM on the first Thursday of every month**

FREE talks at historic 1881 Schieffelin Hall, 4th and Fremont, Tombstone

Pre-meeting dinner, 5:30 PM at the Longhorn Restaurant, 5th & Allen

**Join up! A great group, Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013, 2014 & 2021!**

- ❖ 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 Vidette* and the *Fremont Street Mail*

Contact Sheriff Doug Hocking at 378-1833, [doug@doughocking.com](mailto:doug@doughocking.com) or "Nevada" Smith at 642-7601



# COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Saturday April 23rd **Trail Ride**

## *Saddle Up for our trip to the* **John Slaughter Ranch!** *(an easy drive to nearby Douglas)*

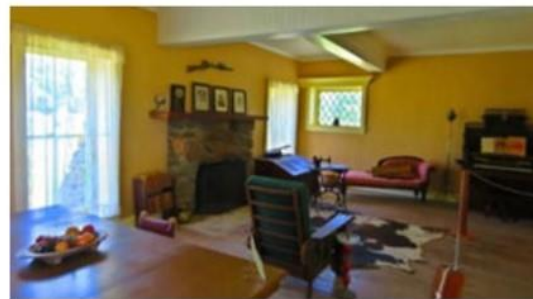
**10:00 AM** Schieffelin Hall parking lot, meet up to convoy

**12:00 PM** Drive and arrive at the Slaughter Ranch



Schieffelin Hall, 4th and Fremont, Tombstone

About a 2-hour drive. As always, carry water and wear comfortable shoes. \$5 admission. No pets.



More? Contact Sheriff Doug Hocking at 378-1833, [doug@doughocking.com](mailto:doug@doughocking.com) or "Nevada" Smith at 642-7601

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*The TALE of the TRAIL*      southerntrails.thetaeofthetrail.org      949-699-1662 x 204

JOIN US APRIL 25, 26 and 27, 2022 IN TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA

## 2022 Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon California Trails Association (OCTA) Symposium

Gain an in depth knowledge of the history of Temecula, and all the trails that traveled through this area. We have a variety of events. Join like minded individuals as we explore the area together.

[Register Now](#)   [Learn More](#)

### Event Schedule

We have several activities scheduled to take advantage of Temecula and the surrounding areas. Join us for one event or all three. We're offering the symposium at no cost, but hope to receive donations to the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association. Help us keep the trails alive!

#### DAY ONE

Monday, 25 APRIL 2022

🕒 1:00PM - 4:00PM

##### ARRIVAL AND WELCOME



A welcome event is planned at the Historical Saint Catherine's Catholic Church Chapel of Memories located in the Sam Hicks Monument Park next to the Temecula Valley Museum.

We will have private access to the museum and the displays as part of our event.

Walking Tours of Old Town Temecula will be led by a guide as well as self-guided walking tour maps are available.

#### DAY TWO

Tuesday, 26 APRIL 2022

🕒 9:00AM - 5:00PM

##### HISTORIC ROAD RALLY



This is an exciting event driving your own car on a pre-planned route with historical stops and knowledgeable leaders. It will be a fun day starting at 9am when we meet for an orientation at the Little Temecula History Museum Red Barn and return to Temecula in the late afternoon.

We will be making stops along the way that include some walking on easy paths. Click Details for more information.

#### DAY THREE

Wednesday, 27 APRIL 2022

🕒 9:00AM - NOON

##### HISTORY CENTER TOUR



The Vail Headquarters and the Little Temecula History Museum will offer an exciting day with speakers in the morning in the Museum, lunch at the Vail Headquarters as well as a tour, displays and education as we turn back the clock to the 1800's!

Local experts will share some of the history of Riverside County as we look back through time. We'll share important facts and stories along with the chance to interact with the authors of a variety of books on the topics. Then we'll enjoy Vail Ranch Headquarters for the afternoon. Learn more about that exciting facility on their website at <https://www.vailhq.com/>

### About This Year's Southern Trails Chapter Symposium



We care about the original trails that connected the United States at a time when communication and distance travel were not so easy. Learn about the early inhabitants of the area, and how those trails turned into wagon roads, before railroads came through and before highways and Interstates. You can see the Butterfield Stagecoach routes and remnants of the actual trail as we explore the area. Hear about Vail Ranch and the cattle drive from Arizona to Temecula.

With speakers, books, maps and adventures, you'll want to be a part of this educational experience! We invite the general public to join us as we bring together the experts and the novice to learn more about local history.



Learn about Warner's Ranch south of Warner Springs, CA as a way station for large numbers of emigrants on the Southern Emigrant Trail from 1849 to 1861 as a pioneering cattle ranch. The Ranch was a stop on the San Antonio-San Diego Mail Line in 1857 and the Butterfield Overland Mail stagecoach line between 1858 and 1860. It was declared a California Historical Landmark in 1939. We have archaeologist **Stephen Van Wiermer** and **Chris Wray** joining us in an in-depth look at the historical ranch and what we know about the history surrounding the ranch.

## Temecula Event Speakers

Wednesday morning we meet at the Little Temecula History Museum with a variety of speakers to present interesting topics related to the Temecula area history. Join us for the morning session starting at 9am. Steve Lech is the first speaker with a presentation on the Pioneers of Riverside County: The Spanish, Mexican and Early American Periods.



### THE HISTORY OF THE VAIL RANCH

#### Rebecca Farnbach

Rebecca is one of the go-to people for the history of the Temecula Valley, and an early champion of the Vail Headquarters. She will share the history of Vail Ranch and the famous brothers that it is named for. She authors and coauthors books and articles about historic people, places, and events. She is a regular columnist for Valley News, and has co-authored six books in the Arcadia Images of America series.



### RESEARCHER OF THE HISTORY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

#### Steve Lech

Steve Lech will share the history of early Riverside County with us and the preservation efforts to keep the history alive. His book, "Along the Old Roads" is referred to as the definitive history of early Riverside County. Steve Lech was born and raised in Riverside, California. He has been interested in local history for more than 35 years. When he began working for Riverside County, he became increasingly interested in the county as a whole, which has led him to research and write 7 books of various topics.



### HISTORY GUIDE

#### Doug Hocking

Doug Hocking was raised on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in New Mexico, and retired from the US Army after serving in Military Intelligence and as an officer in Armored Cavalry. He is an accomplished author and speaker and member of the board of the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association. His story of the Vail Brothers and the Empire Ranch cattle drive from Arizona to Temecula will be an exciting addition to our Symposium.



### OCTA TRAIL GUIDES

#### Melissa and Christopher Jones

This year the 1846/1847 Army of the West and the Mormon Battalion celebrated the 175th Anniversary of their famous march from Iowa to San Diego. Learn more about this incredible journey and how the efforts of the Mormon Battalion made significant contributions through Cooke's Wagon Road as part of General Kearny's thoroughfare for emigrants on the southern trail to California.

## Event Pricing

Would you like to join us? We look forward to meeting you! Our Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association would like to sponsor this event at no charge to the public, but a donation to the Southern Trails Chapter will be appreciated.

**IT'S THE RETURN OF THE MAGNIFICENT**  
**MESCAL LEGENDS**  
**CAST AND CREW FROM THE HISTORIC MOVIES**  
**FILMED AT THE MESCAL MOVIE SET**

**APRIL 16, 2022**

**MESCAL MOVIE SET**  
SHOWING THE WEST SINCE 1936

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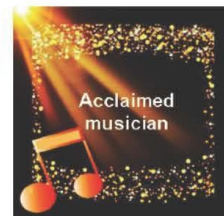
### MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## September 15-17, 2022

### Gather in Colorado Springs for the . . . 2022 Westerners International Conference

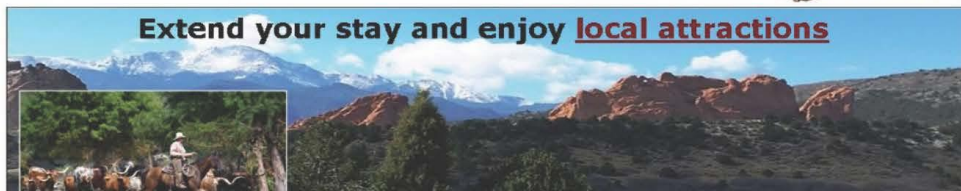
Hosted by the:  
**Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners**  
with support of the **Denver Posse**



Mix and mingle with fellow Westerners, authors and like-minded history buffs from far and near

- ◆ Meet & Greet reception
- ◆ Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
- ◆ Silent auction view / bid
- ◆ Field trip to local sites
- ◆ Banquet and Keynote Speaker
- ◆ Historical themed lectures in CSPM Grand Court Room
- ◆ Westerners Int'l award presentations
- ◆ Western dinner with live music and entertainment

- **À la Carte conference options will be offered**
  - » Purchase the "package" OR select piecemeal events
  - » Guests are always welcome

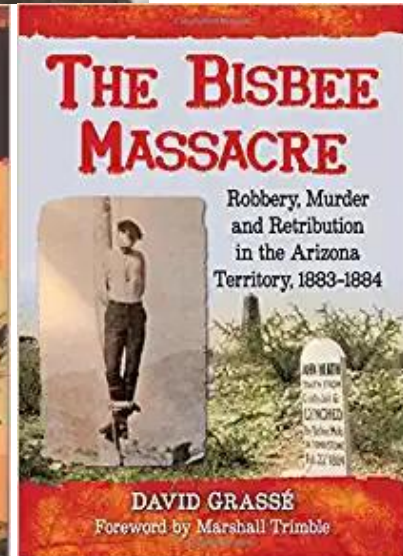
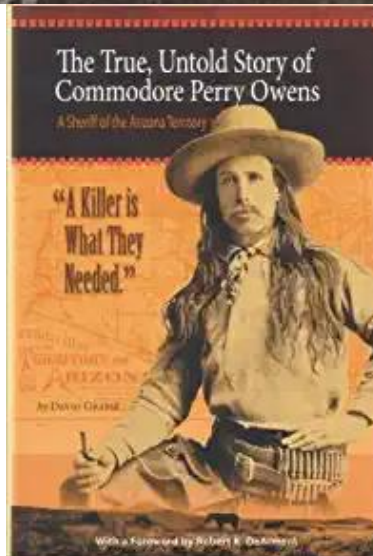
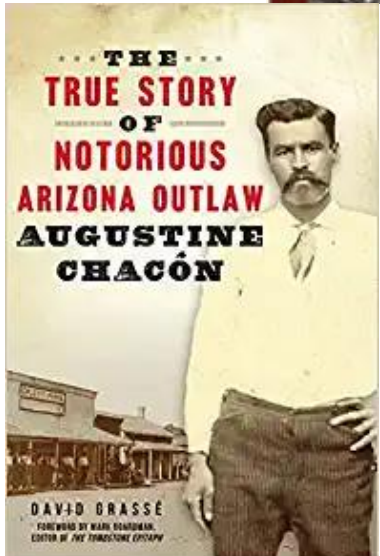
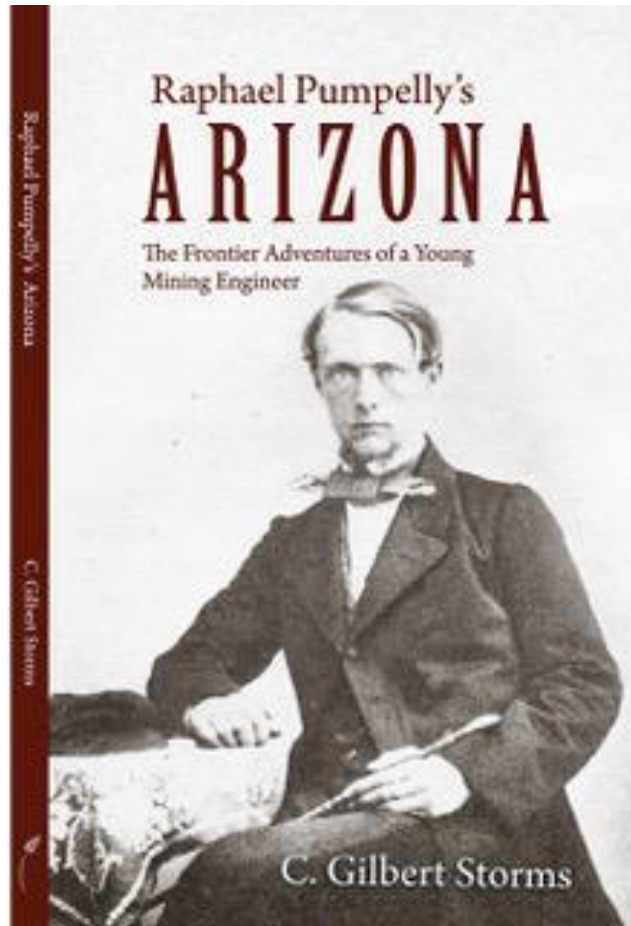


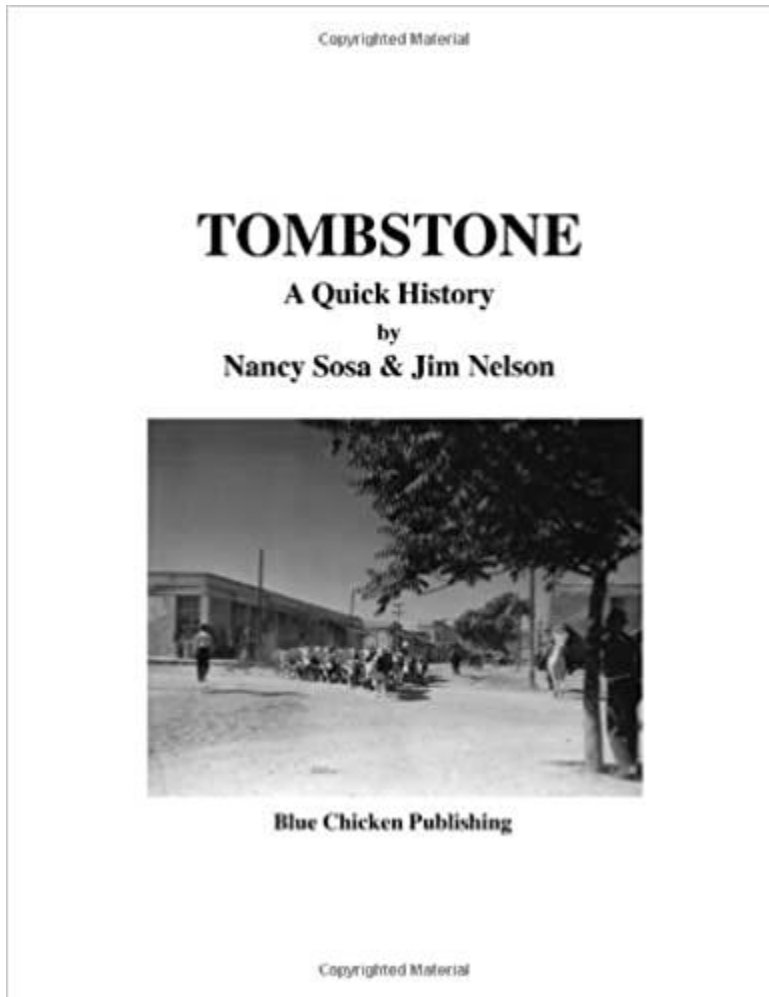
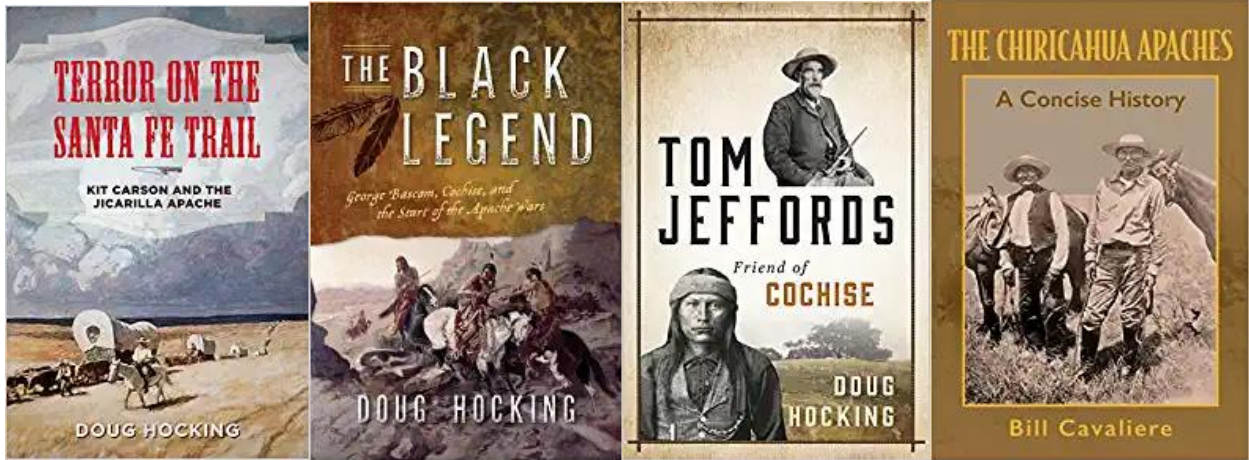
Extend your stay and enjoy local attractions

### Stay tuned for more details and pricing

Contact info: Bob DeWitt, Conference Chair  
**posse@dewittenterprises.com** or call (719) 473-0330

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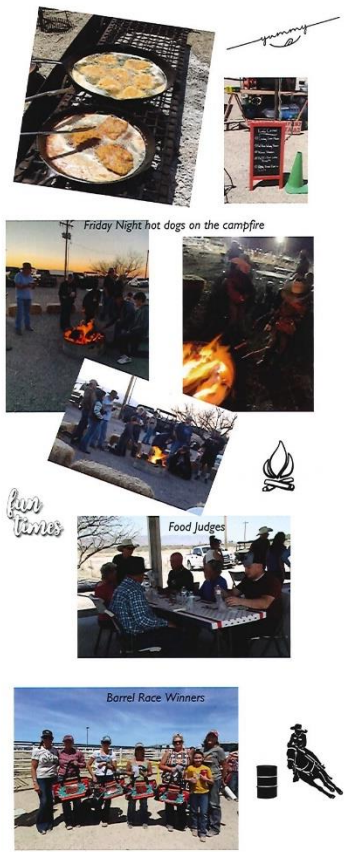




**DATE HAS BEEN SET**

**Willcox West Fest**  
*Ranch Rodeo*  
 &  
*Chuck Wagon Cook-Off*

**APRIL 15, 16 & 17, 2022**



**Willcox West Fest**  
 PO Box 44  
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 willcoxwestfest@gmail.com



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 &  
*Chuck Wagon Cook-Off*  
 Willcox, Arizona

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 15, 16 & 17**  
**2022**

**Vendors - Food**  
**Ranch Rodeo - Dancing**  
**Campfire - Chuck Wagons**  
**Family Fun Weekend !**

Tax Purposes 501(c) (3), charity organization

**Contact Information**  
 (Chuck Wagon) Ron 505-220-5842  
 (Sponsors & Vendors) Cheryl 520-384-4688  
 (Rodeo) April 520-507-0308  
 (Rodeo) Jan 520-678-5396



### 2021 RANCH RODEO

Hatchet Ranch, Hachita New Mexico  
2021 Ranch Rodeo Champions



Box Bar Ranch, Willcox Arizona  
2021 Jr Ranch Rodeo Champions



Top Hand  
Carson Lee, Spur Ranch



Wild Horse Race  
1st Place Team Tres Sanchos, Pruitt New Mexico  
2nd Place Team Gently Used, Prescott Valley, Az



### CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

2021

Cowgirls Forever, Desert Hills Arizona



Reed Family Chuck Wagon, Queen Creek Arizona



Gummer's Camp chuck Wagon, Pima Arizona



Double K Chuckwagon, Mesa Arizona



Bruce Tingle  
Willcox, Arizona

EZ Cattle Company, Sonoita Arizona



### 2021 VENDORS







The Cochise County Corral Membership 1

Membership Form May 2021



## The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you to join a fun, informal group of people

**Every First Thursday of the Month  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
At Schieffelin Hall  
On Fremont Street  
Dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant**

*Membership Benefits:*

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
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- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – Fremont Street Mail – Quarterly journal – Border Vidette. [www.CochiseCountyCorral.org](http://www.CochiseCountyCorral.org)
- ❖ **Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021**



**Membership only \$20 per year**  
(Feel free to visit a few times before you join)

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Cochise County Corral  
Membership \$20 - %Doug Hocking, 6567 E. Barataria Blvd, Sierra Vista 85650

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

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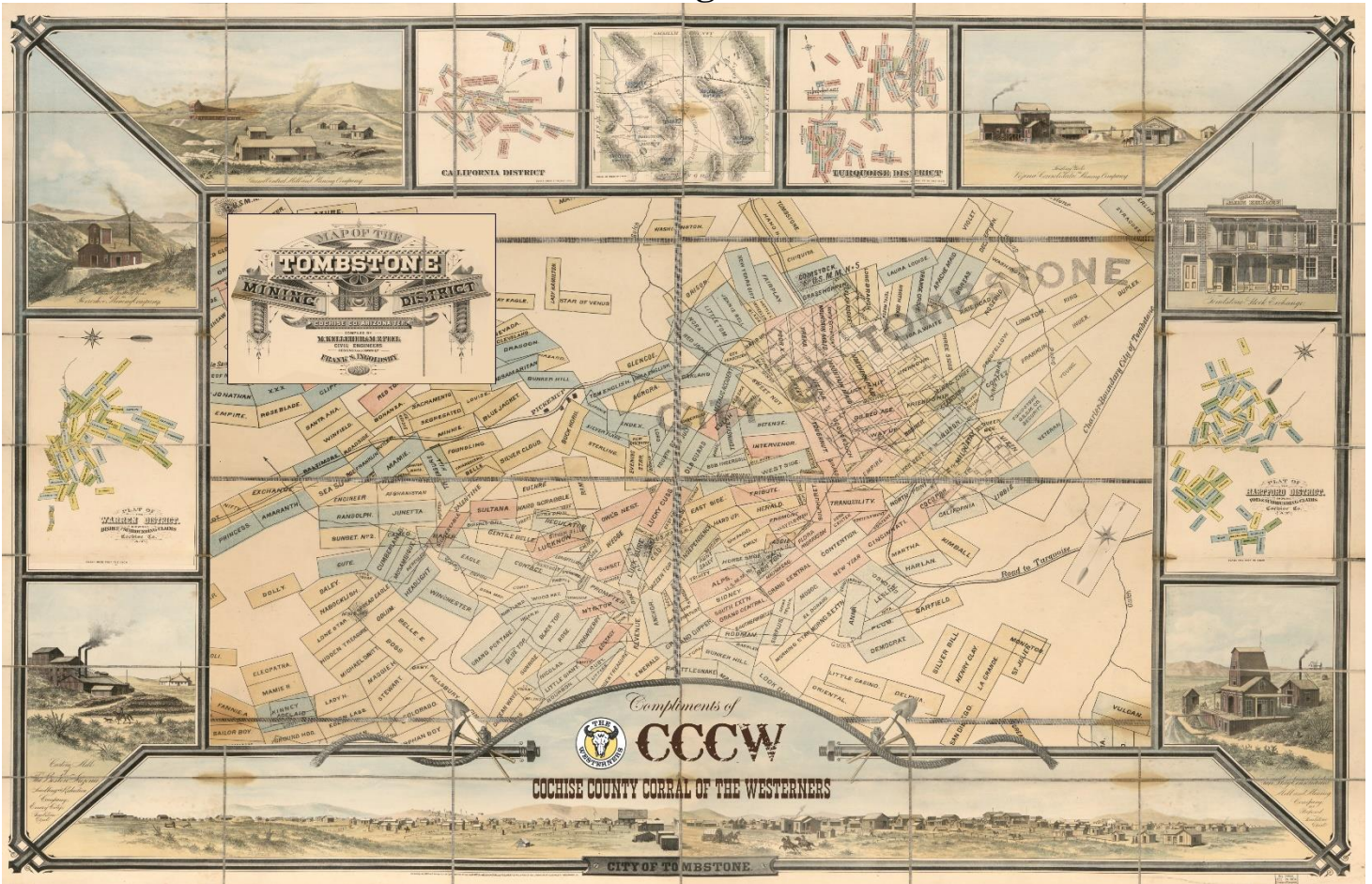
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The Cochise County Corral meets at Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ  
Information contact: Sheriff Doug Hocking ([doug@doughocking.com](mailto:doug@doughocking.com)) or Nevada Smith at (520) 642 7601

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**Send Completed Application and check for \$20 to:  
Cochise County Corral % Sheriff Doug Hocking, 6567 E. Barataria Blvd., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650**

# Map of the Tombstone Claims And Surrounding Communities



Done on heavy paper, 11 inches by 17 inches

**Only \$5**

**Get yours from Charley, Keeper of the Chips, or Jon  
At the next meeting**