

# FREMONT STREET MAIL



April 9, 2024

## Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith

On Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall George Whitehead will speak on *Healers, Quacks and Elixirs* Territorial medicine in Cochise County was always an adventure. Sometimes a patient was treated with fake medicine or fake medical procedures. There were also reputable doctors in the area. Learn all about it during this fascinating presentation. There will be an optional no host pre-meeting **dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant** on Allen Street. The public and guests are welcome.



June 6 – *Bisbee Deportation* by Mike Anderson

July 4 – *Independence Day Holiday*, no meeting.

August 1 – *Geronimo Campaign* by Melissa Miller

## Recorder of Marks and Brands Jean Smith

*Tombstone Festival of Western Books* was a **huge success**. We voted at Campfire to do this again on **Friday, March 7, 2025**. Mark your calendar.

We made a little money and will reimburse the Cochise County Historical Society the \$300 seed money they advanced us for the Festival.

**Debora Lewis** continues work on the Corral's *book of Short Stories and Poetry!* **We need a good title**, and we need people to submit their work. We have 5 poems and 2 short stories and we're sure Debora and Deborah will submit stories. How about you?

The Deputy Sheriff is submitting the Corral for Awards from Westerners International with multiple submissions in most categories.

Work continues on an Arizona-New Mexico speakers' bureau.

Lifetime Member **Gene Baker** is still with us. Hang in there, Gene. You are not forgotten.

## Keeper of the Chips Debora Lewis

As of April 4, 2024:

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

81 Ranch Hands but only 58 are paid for 2024.

We have in Checking - \$2924.74

We have in Savings - \$1020.76

March expenses were: \$352.76

March income was \$372.50

On April 5, 2024, we filed our 990N income tax report with the IRS as a non-profit. This is free and all we tell them is that we handled less than \$50,000 and our sheriff's name and address. The filing is free.

<p><b>Sheriff's Star</b> <b>Doug Hocking</b></p>
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The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners is not the **After-Dinner-Speakers-Club**. If it were, we'd be paying about \$50 per meeting for meals and the use of the hall. In addition, we'd have to collect something to pay speakers which would come to about \$250 honorarium, plus lodging and mileage. So, about \$500 per meeting. As it is, we get by on dues of \$20 per year. We don't do fundraising although some of our activities have brought in a little money.

Breaking bread together is important. It gives us a chance to socialize and get to know each other. The same goes for our coffee and snacks. The sheriff should get out to the lobby at break to meet and greet, but somehow someone always has "important business" to discuss. Nonetheless, the sheriff should try to greet visitors and get to know Ranch Hands.

Many of our speakers come from within house and that's excellent. Westerners started out as an organization of scholars writing about the American Frontier West who felt that easterners and college professors were too stuffy. They wanted to have fun and share ideas in a relaxed atmosphere. They were sharing the papers, books, and poetry that

they were working on in exchange for suggestions and information.

Today we are fighting an onslaught of history shaming. We have people who want to rename the *Francis Scott Key Bridge* because he might have had relatives who owned slaves or were friends with slave owners. Next, they take away the national anthem because we should be ashamed of our past. It is really up to us to support speakers and writers who are still proud of our history, a history of trying to do better.

Within our ranks and the ranks of those we invite to speak, we need support people who are still proud of our history. We support them by publishing, as a Corral, a book of poetry and short stories and by hosting the annual Tombstone Festival of Western Books in which we encourage local authors.

Our Trail Rides are trips to places of historical interest and importance. We do this to make folks aware of our history and to enhance education and to have fun and fellowship.

We pay for a website and participate in Facebook as a means of advertising our events and attracting new members. Our website is also a place to post the *Fremont Street Mail* and the *Border Vidette*. In both of these we are supporting and preserving bits of Western history and scholarship.

Recently, the sheriff of Flagstaff Corral visited us and was impressed with how many people contributed something to Campfire – poetry, history, book reviews, the next Trail Ride, and so on. We don't all have to be scholars. All contributions need to be welcome. There have been speakers and writers that I deeply disagree with. Nonetheless, we need to make them welcome and allow them to share ideas, right or wrong.

We pay for a mailbox. Some years ago, our sheriff and recorder left us after the December meeting. Three years later, they returned the Corral's records. For three years we didn't pay our dues and were out of communication with Home Ranch. Right now, Home Ranch is only in communication with 19 of its 120 corrals. Much of the problem has to do with email and snail-mail going to personal, home addresses of people who have died, moved, and drifted away. We have a Corral address – PO Box 393, Tombstone, AZ – and email address – [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) – where communication can always reach us.

After the Gather in September 2023, we started an Arizona-New Mexico Speakers Bureau and a Mentoring Program to assist other corrals. We're working on ways to assist each other, assist speakers, and assist corrals in finding speakers.

Within our Corral many of our Ranch Hands speak at schools and public venues. Sixty years ago, the movies and TV were full of Westerns and we loved them. A generation grew up wanting more. Today, Hollywood ignores the Western, even though every time they make a quality show about heroes and heroism, it's a blockbuster. *Tombstone* is still going strong after 30 years. It's up to us to educate a new generation to love our frontier history.

We are incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Changes in the law have made it difficult for banks to deal with organizations that aren't incorporated. This also protects our members from being sued personally for any accident that might occur. It allows us to take longer and more interesting trips.

We have Ranch Hands across the country and abroad who participate by joining us on Zoom and by reading and contributing to our publications.

Our Corral has had Ranch Hands win awards in every category from poetry to short history to books of history. The Corral has won the Heads Up Award for Best Corral three times and we'll do it again for 2023. The first time we entered, someone spoke up: "We're just a small corral; we don't stand a chance!" We won that year. And now we're the mightiest corral going.

All of this contributes to our ability to attract good speakers.

### **Trail Boss's Whip** **Bob Spahle**

On Saturday, April 6, 2024, we had a great Trail Ride to Council Rocks, Whitehouse Ruin, & the 1872 Treaty Sites. Everyone was quite pleased. We even got to be in a music video.

A new trail ride coming soon!

### **Deep Thoughts on History**

#### **How Do We Know**

At the Tucson Festival of Books this past March, I was approached by a scholar who wanted to decide whether or not to purchase one of my books. "I always start with the bibliography."

He was looking to see if I was drawing from primary or secondary sources. Primary sources are the accounts of people who were there. Secondary sources are everything else. Popular histories, newspaper and magazine articles written long after events are highly untrustworthy, often drawing on previous accounts of the same kind and from the popular notion of local history. In Cochise

County, we had a newspaper writer who for thirty years wrote articles about places to visit in the county. She got almost everything wrong and is one of the sources for the idea that before the 1887 earthquake, there were paddlewheel steamboats plying the San Pedro. The San Pedro's flow is essentially unchanged since the early 1880s. Newspaper and other accounts of 1887 tell that the normal flow of the river returned within hours after the earthquake.

I've found newspaper articles written immediately after events, especially where the reported witnessed what occurred or interviewed participants very reliable. Anything written more than a few weeks later is usually unreliable with the reporter relying entirely on faulty memory. Anything including eyewitness accounts should be checked against other versions.

Try to imagine four or five things that must have occurred or been recorded if the events occurred as described: business records, business licenses, maps, property recordings, military reports, and so on. It's important for an historian to know who keeps what records, why, and where. Remember that records do get lost, so absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. Records get lost and misplaced.

For years folks searched for the "lost" transcript of Wyatt Earp's trial at the Cochise County Superior Court. It was never there. The "trial" was a pre-trial action in Justice Court. In the 1960s, an excellent and well-known historian, lamented the loss of the Fort Buchanan records burned in 1861, not realizing that the letters and reports he was looking for had been forwarded to headquarters in Santa Fe. We all make mistakes, but it really helps to know who keeps what records where.

I've been asked "how can we know; I read . . ." Just because it's in writing, doesn't mean it's true. Please don't quote history to me from roadside plaques and signs. These are almost always wrong to some extent, their contents relying on politics and the wishful desires of folks fueled on local legend. We can show you signs placed by the Forest Service and Park Service that have changed drastically over times each time they're replaced. There are currently at least six monuments erected by wishful though well-meaning folks to a woman who never existed. Many ancestral Puebloan structures in the Southwest were dismantled by their residents so they could reuse components, especially vigas. In the 1930s, the NPS decided this was due to pot hunters dynamiting them. Really? And dynamite doesn't break pots? They've since, under political pressure, removed these references. Nonetheless, just the other day I heard a member of the public refer to this NPS legend.

Many of these legends accidentally find their way into secondary sources, even those who are usually reliable. This is why careful historians go back to primary sources and check secondary sources to see if the author quoted his or her sources accurately. See, too, if the facts of the story are supported by the sources or were accidentally "invented" by subsequent authors.

Final word, check the bibliography. See if the author is going back to primary sources.

### **Blast From the Past**

*William Buckley was superintendent of the Overland Mail from Mesilla to Tucson, stationed at Mesilla. He was on the stagecoach mentioned below at which Cochise and his men fired "fifteen shots" and he provides a pretty good description of the Bascom Affair. It seems the Overland Mail was grazing livestock for food at San Simon.*

*Fort Buchanan was about 50 miles southeast of Tucson where LTC Morrison commanded companies C & H 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Bascom's post. LT Lord was from Fort Breckenridge 50 miles northeast of Tucson where LT Moore commanded two companies of dragoons (cavalry). MAJ Lynde commanded two companies at Fort McLane [Floyd]. All three of these posts were closer to Apache Pass and Stein's Peak than Fort Fillmore was where LT Lane commanded one company of mounted infantry. Fort Fillmore was closer to Mesilla. Maury was the departmental adjutant at Santa Fe sending and receiving letters for the commander.*

*Letter from Buckley:*

Buckley to Lane, February 15, 1861

The Indians in the vicinity of Apache Pass on the Overland Mail route between Mesilla & Tucson have committed serious depredations within the past two weeks. They attacked the station at Apache Pass, fired about fifteen shots wounded the driver severely. They attacked a train of five wagons near the Apache Pass & killed eight men and burnt them to the wagons. They stole from the Apache Pass forty-two mules belonging to the Government and seventeen belonging to the Overland Mail Co. They also stole three hundred head of sheep six mules and three oxen from the San Crimoni [?] [Simon] Station. As there are many bad passes in the Mountains between Stein's Peak and Dragoon Springs, I do not consider it safe for the stage to travel without an escort. The stations also are in danger of being attacked by Indians. If you can possibly send troops to escort our mails through the bad passes I would like very much to have you do so, as I am fearful the Indians will attack the stage if we do not have an escort.

Lane to Maury, February 17, 1861

I have the honor to enclose herewith for the information of the Dpt. Commander, a letter from the Superintendent of the Overland Mail Company, and my reply to the same. I learned from Lt. Cook [Cooke] 8th Infantry, who passed here in the stage the other night, in substance the same, as given in the enclosed letter. He also told me that Lieut Bascom of the 7th Infty, with a Company of Infantry had had some skirmishing with these Indians, and that some soldiers had been wounded. I also learned from passengers by the next stage, that Lieut. Lord with a Company of Dragoons was in the vicinity of Apache Pass, and that troops from Fort Floyd [McLane] were scouting in the same direction.

Lane to Buckley, February 17, 1861

I have your note of February 16th, giving a detailed account of the Indian depredations on the Overland Mail line between this and Fort Buchanan, and asking for an escort for the mails through the bad passes, etc. etc. - I am unable to comply with your request for the following reasons - There being only one Compy. at this post, and the scene of the Indian depredations is so distant comparatively, it would be impossible to give the escort asked for. - If I was to divide my command and send a part of it to the passes spoke of, it would leave the settlements on the river, in the vicinity of the post almost unprotected, and I might by these means, defeat the object of the Dpt. Commander in sending my Company to this post - But I will enclose to the Dpt. Hd. Quarters, your letter, in order that any steps deemed necessary in the matter may be taken.

Wadsworth, Ricard. *Incident at San Augustine Springs: A Hearing for Major Isaac Lynde*, Las Cruces: Yucca Tree Press, 2002, pp 99-101.

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

**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, 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*

**We really need some articles right now to get out another edition!!!!**

**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  
Frontier Recipes**

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at [dhocking@centurylink.net](mailto:dhocking@centurylink.net) or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)  
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>

**Out & About**

You are welcome to contribute. If you've been involved in or participated or visited something of interest, send us a few words and a photo or two.

Between March 13 and 16, Doug & Debbie ventured into that vast wasteland the locals call Texas for the annual convention of the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon California Trails Association at El Paso.



El Paso is famous because an Arizona boy, Marty Robbins, sang about a girl in one of their saloons. Legend has it that he was drunk.

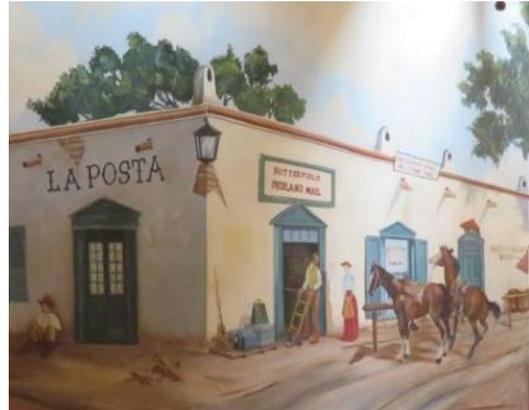


Doug Spoke on Escape from Mesilla a review of the early days of the Civil War in Arizona.

We visited Mesilla on the Rio Grande and the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum that used to be run by Mark Santiago, husband of our speaker, Dawn Santiago.

Mesilla used to be the county seat for Arizona which then ran from Mesilla on the Rio Grande all the way to the Colorado. It's also where Billy the Kid was tried and sentenced to hang. It's an interesting town. The locals think that La Posta was the Butterfield

Overland Mail station. But it was actually across the street and three doors down.



On March 21, Doug, Gerald Ahnert, and Bob Nilson ventured into the Cienega del los Pimos, Cienega Creek to take part in making a movie at Seneca station along with Helen Erickson of the Arizona Chapter Butterfield National Historic Trail Association and the Vail Historical Society.



This is the cut the stagecoaches used to get up to the station.



And this is the Cienega, one of the prettiest places in Arizona shaded by giant cottonwoods with a crystal-clear flowing stream.



On April 6, the Corral made a Trail Ride to the 1872 Treaty Sites, Whitehouse Ruin and Council Rocks. We were joined by Jean from La Frontera Corral and John & Helen Erickson of the Butterfield Overland Mail Association.



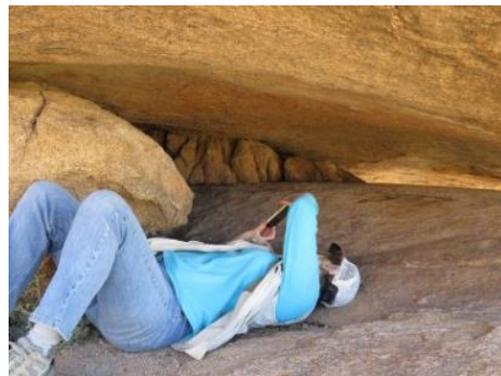
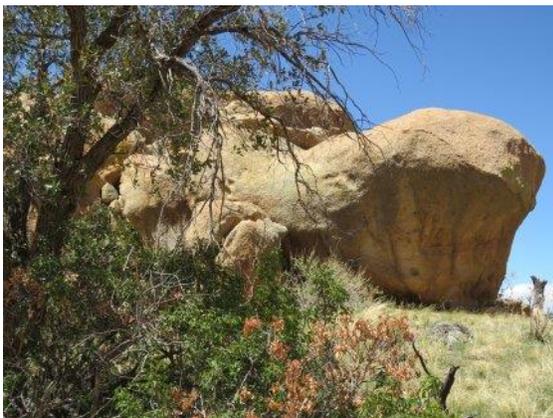
We climbed up to the treaty site where Tom Jeffords, Cochise, and General Howard talked terms.



At the Whitehouse Ruins, Bob gave an excellent presentation on the importance of this site once the glamour nightspot where the upper crust of Cochise County met. Tweed was once the owner, but he wasn't the Boss Tweed of New York on the run from the law. The drought of the 1890s wiped out the ranch.



We had lunch at Council Rocks.



Jean got to see the hidden petroglyphs.



And we all got to be in a music video based on Carol Markstrom’s song *Tom Jeffords Had A Secret*. How often have you been paid \$20 to attend a concert? Here’s a music video Carol did a few years ago: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1080427458706769>

Deborah Lea posted photos at: [https://www.facebook.com/deborahlea.byrdlawson/posts/pfbid031UCXMBbJBwwsPwzF3Fj8bXUBGVxhVx8HSe2BDXUfJWss7nEReqUAm78xdafrCCu9l?notif\\_id=1712502121589497&notif\\_t=feedback\\_reaction\\_generic\\_tagged&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/deborahlea.byrdlawson/posts/pfbid031UCXMBbJBwwsPwzF3Fj8bXUBGVxhVx8HSe2BDXUfJWss7nEReqUAm78xdafrCCu9l?notif_id=1712502121589497&notif_t=feedback_reaction_generic_tagged&ref=notif)

On April 7, at the Elks, Sierra Vista, Bill Cavaliere spoke “The Chiricahua Apaches, AS Concise History” to the Huachuca Museum Society.

**Hollywood Trivia**

**Zorro Theme Song**

Disney

Out of the night,  
When the full moon is bright,  
Comes the horseman known as Zorro.  
This bold renegade  
Carves a "Z" with his blade,  
A "Z" that stands for Zorro.

Zorro, Zorro, the fox so cunning and free,

Zorro, Zorro, who makes the sign of the Z.

He is polite,  
But the wicked take flight  
When they catch the sight of Zorro.  
He's friend of the weak,  
And the poor and the meek,  
This very unique, señor Zorro.

Zorro, Zorro, the fox so cunning and free,  
Zorro, Zorro, who makes the sign of the Z.

source:

<https://www.lyricsondemand.com/tvthemes/zorrolyrics.html>

Faro Dealer, Mike Costello, spoke about Jimmy Stewart’s first western, *Destry Rides Again* (1939) with Marlene Dietrick in a role reprised by Madeline Kahn in *Blazing Saddles* (Mel Brooks, 1974). He recommended it highly.



**Poetry Corner**

**The Greenhorn**

By Bob Spahle

He ain’t no cowboy,  
I could see it right away.  
His legs are too straight,  
Bet he bought his boots just today.

His hands are too soft,  
And his clothes are too new.  
Nobody ever told him

What a cowboy should do.

I always wanted to be one,  
And would do what it takes.  
And was willing to learn  
And to make some mistakes,

To get his hands dirty  
And to learn how to ride,  
Do a hard day's work  
And do it with pride.

His hands would blister  
But they'd heal up fine.  
He'd learn how to brand  
But it would take some time,

Work in the snow,  
And work in the rain,  
Ride 12 hours a day  
And never complain.

You cowboyin's more  
Than a horse and a gun,  
It's getting' the job done,  
While still having some fun

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It's learning the job the first time  
And doin' the best you can.  
Now, he wasn't just a cowboy now  
He was a man.

### **Hayin'**

By Deborah Lea "Wild Woman" Lawson

There's hay in my boots, and hay in my hair,  
These damned legumes get everywhere.  
It sticks in your socks, and sticks in your  
craw,  
And if you're an unlucky cuss it'll stick in  
your paw.

It makes me sneeze, and my eyes get to  
runnin',  
This haying season, well it ain't much funnin'.

It's 3 months a'growin'  
And 3 days a'mowin',  
3 days a'dryin'...  
Unless it rains, then I'm cryin'..  
3 hours riding the tractor around,  
Watching the baler chuck'em out on the  
ground.

Now comes the fun part, stackin' and storin',  
1500 bales a day, it sure ain't boring.  
We stack'em all neat and tight in the shed,  
Til the orders come in, then we stack'em  
again.

On trailers, and trucks, and rickety farm  
wagons,  
We've got the best hay! You can just hear us  
braggin'..

We stack and restack, til our backs and knees  
groan,  
Til the sun's goin' down, and we hobble on  
home.

At home, it's waiting, another stack of bales,  
The horses, all hungry, twitch ears and flick  
tails.  
I dole out the flakes, and watch them dig in,  
And think how tomorrow I'll do it all again.

It's still in my hair, still makes my nose run,  
But hayin' pays the bills, so I guess I'll "git'er  
done."

### **For the Love of Horses**

By Deborah Lea "Wild Woman" Lawson

When the old man retired, and the farm was  
sold,  
He said "now these horses have got to go."

The cows are all gone, nothing left to chase,  
A good cutting horse would be just a waste.

The broodmares and fillies, worth more than  
gold,

Had all gone to Texas, new lives to unfold.

Old ChiChi and Rusty, still trail-horse sound,  
Went to friends in Carolina, they're still ridin'  
around.

Jane and Too Tall had earned their easy  
years,  
They lived out their lives, watching the others  
chase steers.

Then, there was Alice. The last one to go.  
I'd spent years trying to sell her, with little to  
show.

She had a pretty paint color, sparkling white,  
and burnished red,  
But that was all you could say for that  
stubborn redhead.

She was bred to cow-horse, but she didn't  
care to,  
She'd failed every test the trainer tried to  
make her do.

Not built quite right, wide, flat withers, and  
high rump,  
If you asked her to lift her feet, she just stood  
like a stump.

She couldn't juke, or slide, couldn't do a  
rollback,  
She was round as a barrel, and hard to fit to  
tack.

But give her the rein, and she'd run, despite  
her pudge,  
Always on the wrong lead, but who am I to  
judge?

She's getting old now, we don't saddle up to  
ride,  
I spend most days just brushing her hide.

She's getting dim in the eyes, and creaky in  
the knees,

But I'm still glad I said yes, when the boss  
said "She's yours for free."

<b>Coming Events – Telegrapher Deborah Lawson</b>
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### April

April 11, 12 p.m. Brown Bag, **History of  
the AZ Rangers**, at Willcox Theater and  
Arts

April 18 Doug Hocking, **Tom Jeffords  
Friend of Cochise**, Flagstaff Corral

April 12-14, **Willcox West Fest, Ranch  
Rodeo & Chuckwagon Cook-off**, book  
signing

April 20, **Dedication of Walnut Grove  
Campsite at Rucker Canyon**; Cochise  
County Historical Society President Bill  
Cavalier will be speaking. Open to the public.

April 22, 9:30 to 11:30 **Fort Lowell  
Neighborhood Walking Tour**, Tucson  
\$20/member, \$30/non-member

April 26-28 **Tombstone 2nd Annual Wild  
West Paracon Paranormal Convention**.

Friday, April 26, 9-11 am **Santa Cruz River  
History Tour**, Presidio San Augustin,  
Tucson \$25 for members, \$35 for non-  
members includes entry into Mission Garden

April 27, 10am – 1pm **Live with Nature**,  
Fort Lowell, Tucson

### May

May 9, 12 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch, **History  
of Arizona Highways**, Willcox Theater

May 13 9:30 to 11:30 **Fort Lowell  
Neighborhood Walking Tour**, Tucson  
\$20/member, \$30/non-member

May 25-26 **Wyatt Earp Days** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vintage Cowgirls, Allen St. Tombstone book signing

## June

## July

July 27 **National Day of the Cowboy**, Empire Ranch, book signing

## August

August 14-18, **Native Treasures Show, El Dorado Hotel, Santa Fe Indian Market**

## September

September 5, Doug Hocking **Escape from Mesilla: the Confederate Invasion**, Cochise County Corral

September 5-7 **Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**, Sonoita, book signing

September 19-22 Doug Hocking **Jicarilla Apache in the Road of Conquest, Santa Fe Trail Association**, Fort Larned, KS

## October

October 5-6, **Art in the Park**, Sierra Vista

October 4-6, **Rex Allen Days**, Willcox

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

October 18-20 **Helldorado**, Tombstone

October 23-27? **Tombstone Territory Rendezvous**

## November

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

## December

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

Sources:

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

BJ Bulletin board for TTR Schedule <https://nediscapp.com/indices/39627?page=1>

<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/calendar/>

<https://saintdavidheritage.org/events/>

<https://tombstoneweb.com/coming-events/>

<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

<http://sonoitafairgrounds.com/labor-day/>

<https://southerntrails.thetaleofthetrail.org/>

<https://visitwillcox.az.gov/local-events>

<https://www.mescalmovieset.com/upcoming-events>

<https://www.tubacpresidio.org/events>

<https://tucsonpresidio.com/calendars/>



## Chiricahua Regional Museum

127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643

520 384-3971

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Fort Huachuca Museum Society** is looking for new members and the cost is only \$20 per year. The society runs the museum store and members get a 10% discount. To join contact Casey Jones at:

HMS

P.O. Box 673

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0673

Or call 520-450-0208

Or write [luego@mac.com](mailto:luego@mac.com)

**Tombstone Epitaph &  
Arizonian**

*This story isn't from the Epitaph, but I thought it of such interest that we needed it here. This is two months after the April 30, 1871, Camp Grant Massacre of Ezkiminzin's people. It's a month after the death of Lt. Cushing in the Mustang Mountains. It's during the time General Stoneman was commander for Arizona and through his actions invited both disasters. It is surprising that Ezkiminzin would attack a column of soldiers. The infantry did more in the West than we usually realize. Ezkiminzin waited and attacked the wagons. Was one of the teamsters at Camp Grant?*

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

Captain H.M. Smith with his company of infantry, accompanied by trains laden with the company property, and supplies for the Post Trader at Camp Bowie, whither all were going, left Tucson early last week. When about eight miles beyond Cienega Station, the “outfit” being stretched out for a mile, a large band of Indians made an attack on the rear wagons. The company were mostly in advance. The reports vary as to the details of the fight, but all agree that thirteen or more warriors were killed, and circumstances seem to warrant that not less than twenty had good reasons for not leaving the battlefield.

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

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

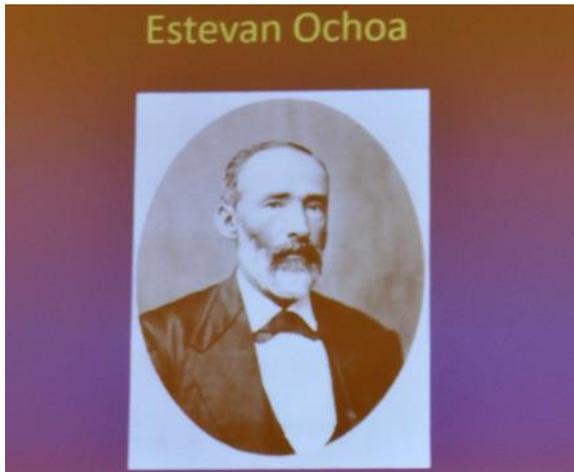
The command moved on to San Pedro, where private Harris was buried with military honors. Our latest report says Mrs. Theller was in the midst of flying balls, and at the side of Harris when he fell. Our conflicting reports prevent us from speaking specially of the action of Captain Smith and Lieutenant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

### Last Campfire & YouTube

At the last Campfire on April 4, Dawn Santiago, spoke on Estevan Ochoa, “One of the Coolest and Bravest Men in the Southwest.”



Ochoa was a partner in Tulley & Ochoa, an important freighting firm in the early days of Arizona. He partnered with Tom Jeffords in the Brunckow Mine and many other projects. The area around Palominas was once Ochoaville populated by thousands of his sheep. He stood up the Confederate invaders and was loyal to the United States.



Debora Lewis reminded us of the book she is editing of our poetry and short stories.

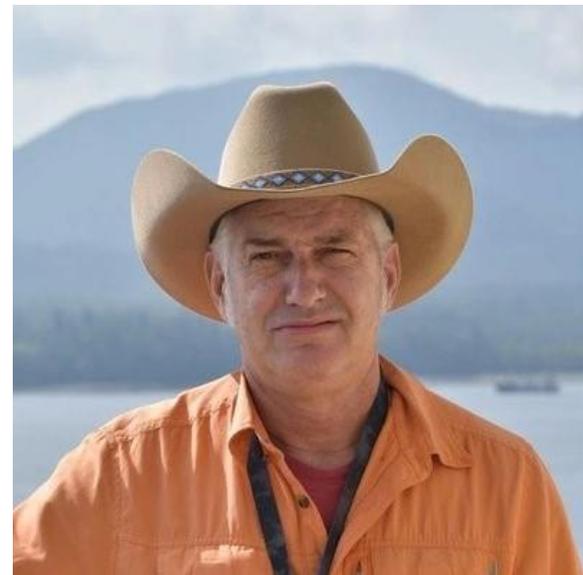
We are growing so popular, even the Tombstone deer herd wants to attend campfire.

Photos by Bob Block.



Bob Yoho, of the Hocking Valley in Ohio, who participated in the Tombstone Festival of Western Books, talked about us during his podcast.

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**Facebook** Here’s the link to our Facebook page please visit and Follow:

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

This is a wonderful interactive map and the best source ever on the Butterfield Overland Mail. Butterfield Overland Trail Story Map

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/43fbed8d98f349f491b7f0fa0b501790?fbclid=IwAR2MywUOQtF3Yhle0CAIvZJrWGrGxirs-mju4NgTqUtf067rDnlFFSXdUaM>

Here is a list of monthly **Fort Worth Westerners Zoom Programs** for 2024 that are currently scheduled. Still need programs for 17 Sep, 19 Nov, and 17 Dec.

If you know anyone who would be interested in viewing our Zoom programs, tell them to go to <https://fortworthwesterners.com/contact> and enter name, email address, and request the Zoom Link. Our monthly programs are at 7:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

16 Apr - "**Quanah Parker: Divided Loyalties**", Dr. Colt Chaney, Dallas College Mountain View Campus

21 May - "**Great Western Trail: 150 Years of Conflict**", Sylvia Mahoney, President West Texas Historical Association, FW Westerners Member

18 Jun - "**Truth, Myth, and Consequences: Adobe Walls at 150 Years**", Michael Grauer, Curator National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, FW Westerners Member

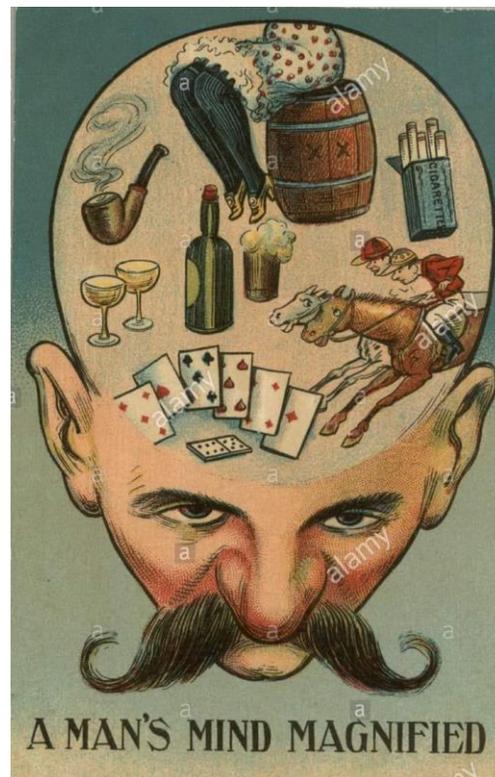
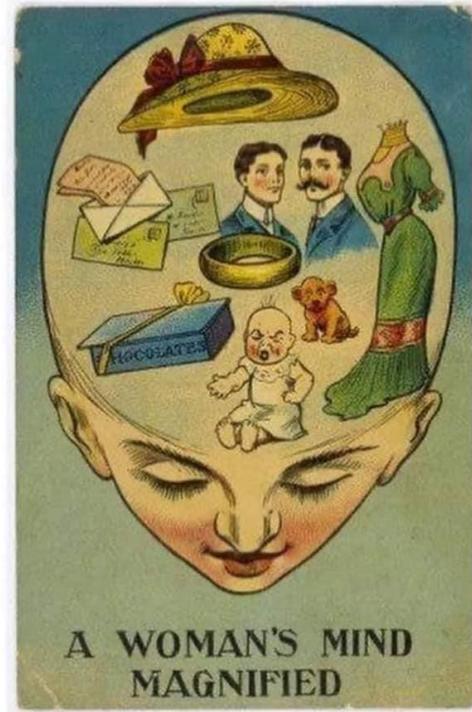
16 Jul - "**Southwest Train Robberies: Hijacking the Tracks Along the Southern Corridor**", author Doug Hocking, Cochise County Westerners, Tombstone, AZ

20 Aug - "**From the Reservation to Washington: The Rise of Charles Curtis**", author Deb Goodrich, Director, Fort Wallace Museum, Wallace, KS

15 Oct - "**On a Mission: The Real Story of the California Missions**", author Janet Dowling Sands

## Odd Bits

Seems about right.



**Places to Visit**

**Carr Canyon & Reef**

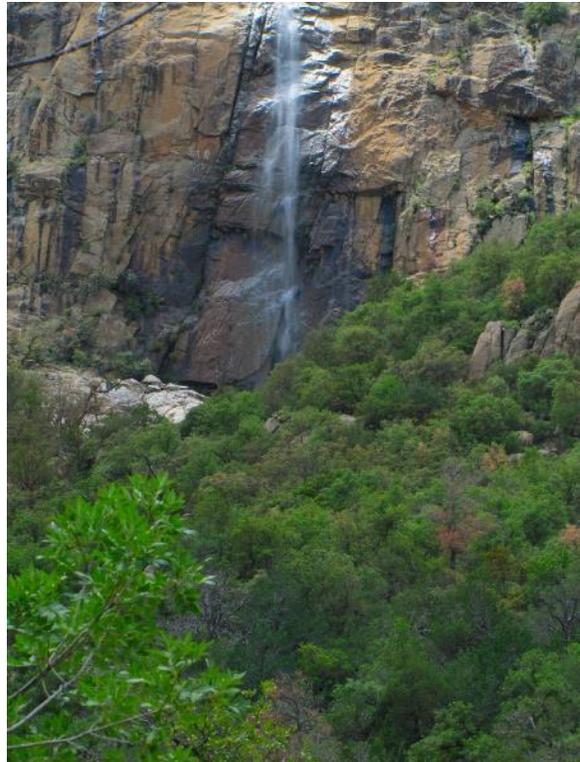
The Huachuca Mountains have known many mines and mine camps: Hamburg (above Ramsey Canyon), Reef, Palmerlee, Garces, and more. Ghost town books tend to take their recognition of an “official” ghost town from when the post office opened and closed.



Reef was a mining camp far above Carr Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains, up above 8,000 feet. Work started in the 1890s and a post office was granted in 1901.



The book goes on to say it was renamed Palmerlee in 1904, and Garces in 1911. The mine went on working and Palmerlee, named for the owner of a general store where the post office was located, was not at Reef. It was five miles away and 3,000 feet down the mountain in Miller Canyon. As the saying goes, “You can’t get there from here.” Well,



at least not without backtracking at least 15 miles.

Reef is at the top of the Carr Canyon waterfall where its stream begins.



Far below, in Carr Canyon is the Carr House.



Its flagstone floors and fancy fireplace were a wonder in their time.



This is also the source of one branch of the Tombstone Aqueduct built in the early 1880s to bring water from the Huachuca Mountains to Tombstone. The 10-inch cast iron pipe is still in use today providing water to Tombstone.

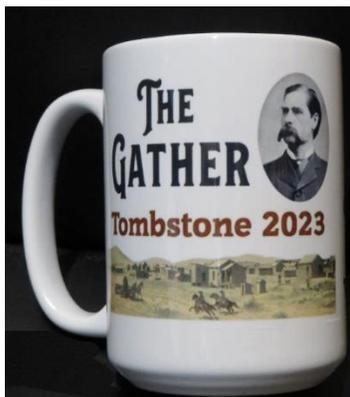
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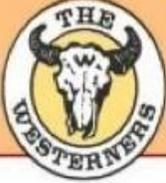
### **General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins**

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

**These are available for \$5**

### **The Gather Commerative Mug Only \$12**





**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**  
 May 2nd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall **FREE**

Presenter:

**George Whitehead**

## "Healers, Quacks and Elixirs"



Territorial medicine in Cochise County was always an adventure. Sometimes a patient was treated with fake medicine or fake medical procedures. There were also reputable doctors in the area. Learn all about it during this fascinating presentation by historian George Whitehead.

**See You at Schieffelin Hall**  
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 Or contact Doug Hocking at 520 378-1833 or [InkSlings@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlings@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

WILD WEST HISTORY ASSOCIATION REGIONAL ROUNDUP

# UNHOLSTERING HISTORY SPEAKERS

## FRANK GRAVES

Mr. Graves started collecting antique firearms at 12 years of age and is primarily interested in early Colt revolvers, especially those that became successful after their use by the early Texas Rangers. He is also interested in American percussion firearms that pre-date the cartridge era and how they relate to Texas history as well. He has served as President of the Texas Gun Collectors Association and member and Director of the invitation only American Society of Arms Collectors. He has written many articles and has co-written several books on antique firearms. His firearms collections have received the highest display awards at NRA Conventions, Texas Gun Collector Association and Colt Collectors Association meetings and several others.



## KURT HOUSE

Mr. House is a Western Americana consultant with a specialty in arms and history of the Old West. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees in Anthropology from Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University respectively, and at the latter institution he pursued the PhD degree. In 1980 he founded the American Fan Collector Association for which he received the first Lifetime Achievement Award of the AFCA. In 2020 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wild West History Association for his research and contributions to the field of western history. He is currently a dealer in arms and western antiques and frequently serves as consultant to various museums where he loans parts of his extensive collection for special exhibits. He is an occasional guest lecturer to various museums and civic organizations and continues his arms consulting, historical research and appraisal business in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife and daughter.



## JEAN SMITH

Ms. Smith is originally from Waverly, Iowa, but she later moved to Arizona after high school. Graduating college with a Business Administration degree, Jean is a bookkeeper for their family businesses. After spending time in Tombstone, she developed an interest in the Old West, which led to doing historical research for others, including Australian Peter Brand, specialization in the Wyatt Earp Vendetta Posse, resulting in two books and several articles being published. Having worked with other authors, Jean is currently working with Ron Woggon on a Fred J Dodge book. As a genealogist, she believes that thorough family background research is as important as thorough historical research in developing a story. Jean currently lives in Safford, Arizona with her husband Chuck and serves as Treasurer of the Wild West History Association and Secretary of the Cochise Corral of the Westerners.



## RON WOGGON

Mr. Woggon served on the board of directors for the Wild West History Association for several years and was recently elected an honorary lifetime member of that non-profit organization. He lives in Tucson, Arizona with his wife, Julie. Before retiring from education in 2010, Dr. Woggon taught secondary mathematics and worked as a teacher educator for thirty-five years. Since his retirement, though, Ron has devoted his time to the study of Tombstone, Arizona. Over the last three years that interest has slowly evolved into a full-fledged biography of one of Tombstone's most controversial characters. Tentatively titled, "Fred J. Dodge: Frontier Gambler, Lawman, and Wells-Fargo Detective," Ron and his co-researcher Jean Smith are currently developing a manuscript for the biography.



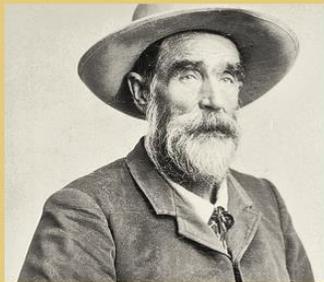


**Flagstaff Corral of Westerners International**  
 Presents historian, award-winning author, and Sheriff of Cochise County Westerners

**Doug Hocking**  
**“Tom Jeffords—Friend of Cochise”**

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 Social Hour and Supper Buffet / 6:30 Program**  
 At Serendipity, 2640 W. Kiltie Lane, Flagstaff  
**Meeting cost \$20 / Wine or Beer \$5, Sodas \$2 (cash only)**



**Calling all Corral members! If you’ve got Western gear, put it on for this fantastic program on Arizona history by Doug Hocking**—Sheriff of the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners. Doug’s topic is from his award-winning book on Western legend Tom Jeffords, who was portrayed by Jimmy Stewart in the 1950s film *Broken Arrow*. Doug’s carefully researched biography tells how Jeffords headed west with the Pike’s Peak Gold Rush in 1858, made a life for himself as he scouted for the Army, prospected, became a businessman, then rode alone into the camp of the great Chiracahua Chief Cochise to negotiate an end to the twenty-five-year-long Apache Wars.

**Jeffords and Cochise went down in history** for successfully teaming up to work toward peace and to create a homeland reservation for the Apache people. The pair was each others’ constant companion, to the point that the Army came to mistrust Jeffords, who was fluent in the Apache language. When Cochise died in 1874, only his people and Jeffords knew where he was buried. Jeffords never betrayed the secret of his friend’s final resting place.

**Doug Hocking grew up on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation** in New Mexico. He retired from the U.S. Army after serving in Military Intelligence and as an Armored Cavalry Officer. With numerous multiple-award-winnings historical books under his belt, including *Terror on the Santa Fe Trail*, *Black Legend*—about the famous “Bascom affair,” and *Tom Jeffords*—his first full-length biography, the indefatigable Hocking continues to share history with the public through his lectures, and to work on his novels—his latest is *Massacre at Point of Rocks*.

You may pay by Zelle, but **ONLY before April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Use email for Zelle ID: [Flagstaffwesterners@gmail.com](mailto:Flagstaffwesterners@gmail.com)  
 Put in memo field: Names and number of people for dinner. **NOTE:** Please RSVP even if you pay by Zelle.

**Please reserve early—  
 It helps our volunteers!**  
[JanetDSands@gmail.com](mailto:JanetDSands@gmail.com)  
**Deadline Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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# Hear Ye, Hear Ye

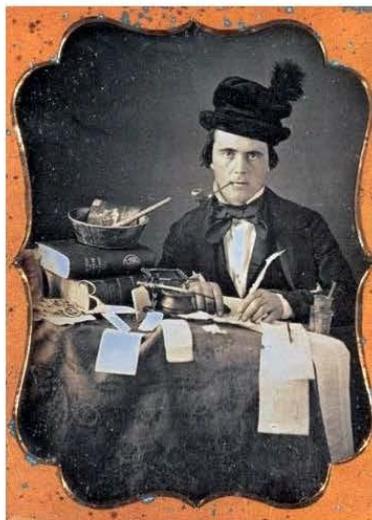
*The Cochise County Corral is about to embark on a fabulous enterprise. We're going to publish a book.*

## **Authors of poetry & short stories we're looking for you!**

Our course is set for **original** cowboy poetry & short frontier fiction written by Ranch Hands of the Cochise County Corral. *This is one more reason to join.* Proceeds go to the Corral general fund to support the Tombstone Festival of Western Books and all Corral operations.

Short stories should be no longer than 7,500 words. We're looking for unpublished work but will accept published work to which you have the copyright and permission of the previous publisher. Entries must be submitted in **Word** as .doc or .docx with standard one-inch margins, single-spaced, with no automatically added spaces before or after a paragraph, doubled-spaced between paragraphs without indentation, Times New Roman text, set to 12 pitch. **Submit entries NLT June 6, 2024 to [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)**

Illustrators! We're seeking your work as well. The format is 6"x9" pages in black and white.



# EL PASO TRAIN SHOW

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

9:00AM—5:00PM

850 HAWKINS, EL PASO, TEXAS

(South of I-10 at Freeport McMoRan Copper Refinery)

**FREE EVENT**

LIVE TRAIN ROBBERY BY SIX GUNS & SHADY LADIES  
 BOARD A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE AND CABOOSE  
 KIDS ACTIVITIES—FREE PAPER TRAIN HAT FOR KIDS  
 DISPLAYS—TOURS—RR SAFETY, SOUVENIRS, BOOKS & FOOD



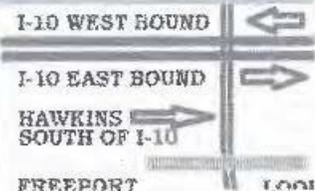
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# Willcox West Fest & Ranch Rodeo

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**April 12-14, 2024**

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

**FRIDAY April 14**

**Free parking & admission by donation**

- 12noon - Chuckwagons setting up
- 12noon - Concession opens
- 3pm - Vendors on site
- 3pm - Chuckwagon Judging
- 5pm - Beer garden opens
- 6pm - Visit with the Chuckwagon crews
- 6pm - Team Roping
- 6pm - SCWA Youth Cook-off (dessert)
- 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
- 10am - Beer/wine garden opens
- 10am - Kids activity in arena sponsored by the Expo Youth
- 10am - Chuck wagon lunch tickets go on sale under the Pavilion
- 12noon - Lunch served (cooked by the chuckwagons)
- 1:30pm - Calcutta Ranch Rodeo Teams & Wild Horse Race
- 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)
- 5pm-10pm --Dance
- 6pm - Goat Roping after Ranch Rodeo (books open at 1pm)
- 7pm - Drawing for Rifle

**Sunday April 16**

- 8am - Breakfast (cooked by the chuckwagons)
- 9am - Cowboy Church
- 9:30am - Concession stand opens
- 10am - Vendor's on site
- 10am - Barrel Race Time only
- 12noon - Pee Wee, Youth 3-D & Open 4-D Barrel Race



**Come join us for a family fun weekend.**

Contact Information  
[willcoxwestfest@gmail.com](mailto:willcoxwestfest@gmail.com)  
 Ron 505-220-5842  
 Cheryl 520-384-4688

# TOMBSTONE BULL RIDING

## 1st Bull Riding Event of the Year

### JANUARY 20TH

Gates Open: 12/noon  
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Preshow: 1 pm  
Bull Riding: 2-4 pm

### \$5,000

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Online Ticket  
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Tickets: **\$15\***

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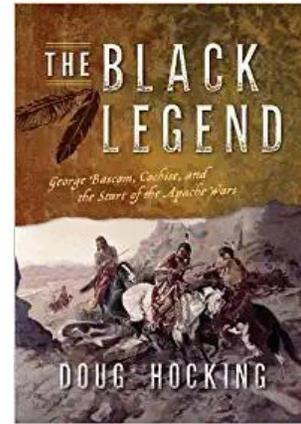
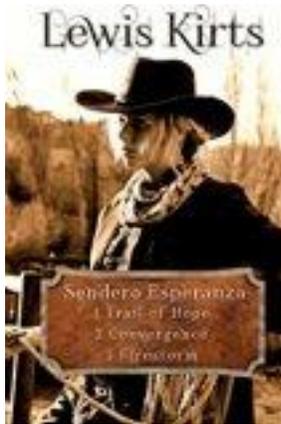
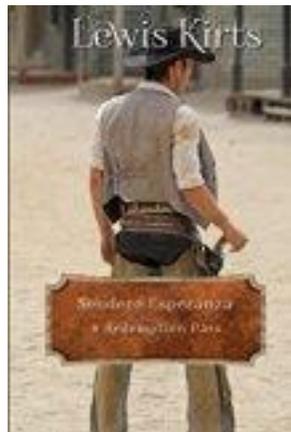
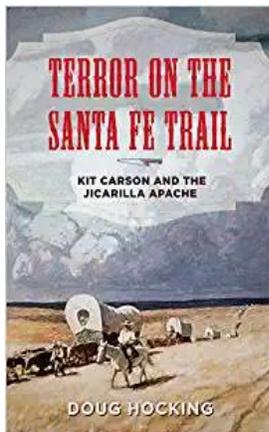
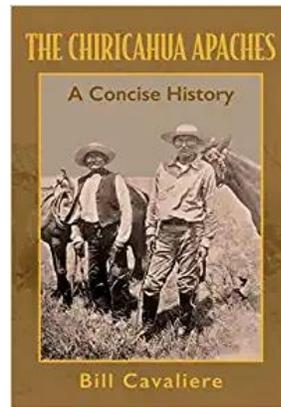
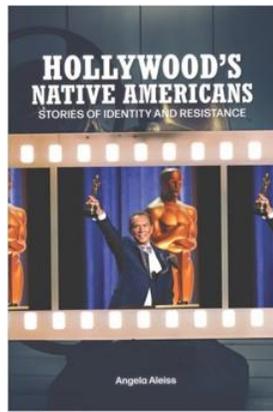
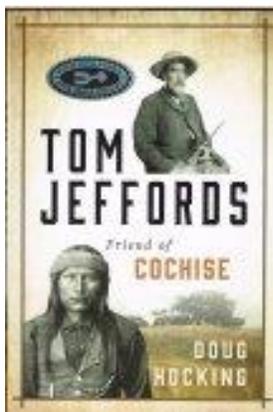
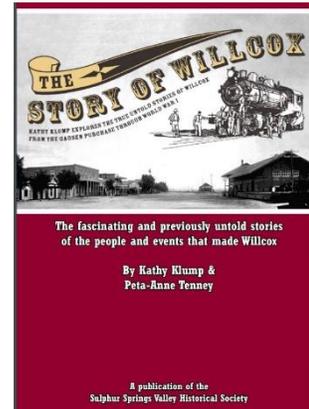
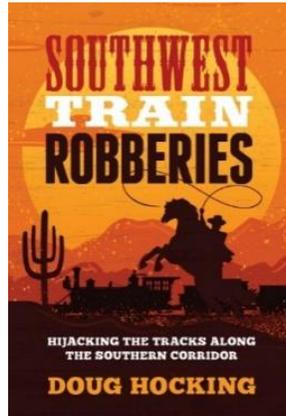
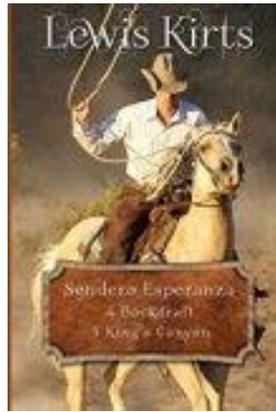
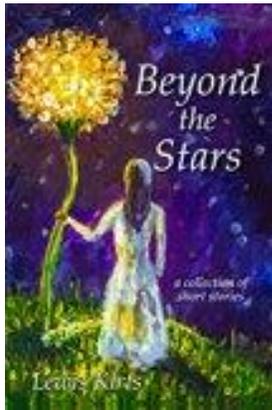


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Membership Form October 2021



## The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you  
to join a fun, informal group of people

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

### Membership Benefits:

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



### Membership only \$20 per year

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Yes, I would like to become a member of the Corral - Membership **Only \$20** –  
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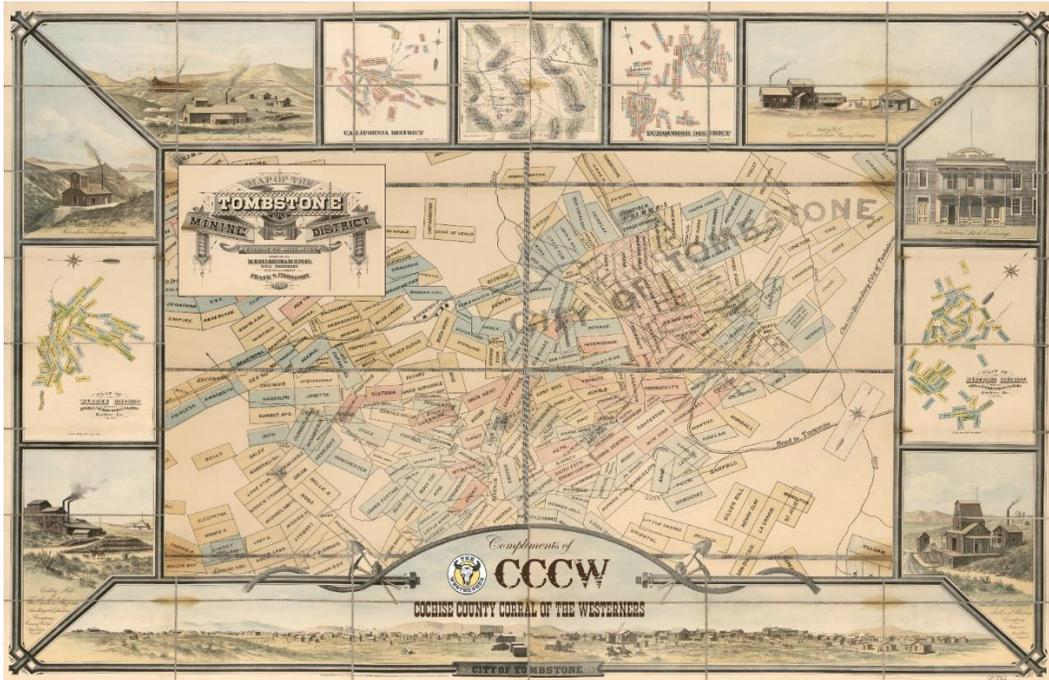
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## Map of the Tombstone Claims And Surrounding Communities



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