

FREMONT STREET MAIL



December 6, 2022

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet

Liz Severn

On Thursday, January 5, 2023: Craig McEwan will speak on *Cochise County's Big Sundown A 1924 Silent Film from Hollywood*. The movie industry arrived in Douglas, Arizona, to film scenes for an expected Western epic, a grand and expensive narrative entitled *Sundown*. It depicted in fictionalized fashion the end for some of the large cattle spreads in the American Southwest. There will be an optional no host pre-meeting **dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant** on Allen Street. The public and guests are



February 2, 2023: **The Mormon Battalion Road**, Dan Talbot

March 2, 2023: **Soapy Smith**, Jeff Smith

Recorder of Marks and Brands

Gary Smith

Dues for 2023 are due. It's only \$20 per person.

Gary Smith is our new Roundup Foreman.

The Cochise County Corral will sponsor the **1st Annual Tombstone Festival of Western Books** on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Keeper of the Chips

Debbie Hocking

As of December 1, 2022:

Accounts have been reconciled.

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

83 Ranch Hands

We have in Checking - \$1332.32

We have in Savings - \$1020.11

November Expenses: \$41.17

November: \$503.88

Trail Boss's Whip

Ilona Smerekanich

Bob Spahle is our new Trail Boss and has great plans for next year. He wants to visit Rancho dela Osa <https://ranchodelaosa.com/> and perhaps take an overnight trip. There's much to look forward to.

Sheriff's Star Doug Hocking

On December 6 – Tuesday, 7 p.m. I am speaking on **Terror on the Santa Fe Trail**, at **Adobe Corral**, Savoy Opera House, Trail Dust Town, Tucson.

When you run out of ideas and a vision for the future of the Corral, it's time to stop being Sheriff. We really need someone to step up and join the Posse in the process learning all the facets of our organization. If I weren't doing four or five additional jobs, being Sheriff would be much easier. Still, the Sheriff needs to know the whole business in order to keep all the cogs meshing properly.

We need to be looking at getting a younger generation interested in the American Frontier West. We had the advantage of seeing the Wild West on TV everyday and every Saturday morning as well as in the movies. It up to us to teach them and reach them. Every time we host a public event, we gain new members. We gain members through our publications. We need to welcome our new member in Paris, France. We have others in foreign countries like Germany, England, New York, California, and Texas, as well as in states like Illinois, New Mexico, and Colorado.

We have made presentations in the grade schools and hopefully there will be more. Our play, the Trial of Billy the Kid, was fun and brought in money and new members.

We have some important events coming up. We're hosting the First Annual Tombstone Festival of Western Books on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Please spread the news and tell your friends. We're also hosting the Annual Gather of Westerners International in September 2023. And January 24 to 26, the

Annual Trail Gather of the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association will be meeting in Tombstone.

I'm not out of ideas . . . yet, but it would be nice for someone to be training to take over

It's been a great year. Merry Christmas!

Deep Thoughts on History

I often avoid secondary works of history. Primary works are those written by folks who were actually there, while secondary is everything else. Oral history is, by the old definition, not history at all. History is written and once written is less susceptible to change. Oral accounts are much like playing a game of telephone where we pass a message from one person to another in order to laugh at the mess that comes out the other end.

There are memorized traditions that seek to accurately preserve an oral tradition. I am the recipient of the Freemasons' oral tradition, memorized from one to the other. I also have my grandfather's Masonic code book from the Grand Lodge of England and can tell you there are many differences between the two despite the effort to preserve. I have the Jicarilla Apache account of their scouts traveling with Kit Carson to fight the Comanche at the First Battle of Adobe Walls. It was written down about 50 years after the battle and is virtually unrecognizable as being an account of the same action. Some of this may be due to differences in what the two lines considered important, but much is just garbled transmission. The same goes for Geronimo's account of the confrontation between Lieutenant Bascom and Cochise. It was written down about 50 years after the event and is so garbled that he has Mangas Coloradas confronting Bascom instead of Cochise. Did the translator misunderstand?

Was Geronimo not actually there? Was Geronimo's memory failing?

There is a foggy area between primary and secondary sources. Often newspaper articles written at the time are almost as good as primary sources although there can be problems with them. The reporter may not have correctly understood what he or she was told or they may have deliberately misrepresented their sources. Sometimes primary sources are problematic as well. With ones written long after events the author may suffer from tricks of memory or may be writing to sell an "exciting" story in a popular market or may be deliberately trying to cover up their own less than shiny deeds.

So, what are we to do? Testing the material is a good idea. If a statement is true, what else must be true. We should look for corroborating evidence. We should also ask ourselves, if, given what we know of human behavior, does the story make sense.

And herein lies one of the problems with secondary sources. They often invent evidence to force the story to make sense. This isn't always deliberate. The mind fills in the blank spaces. Over time, when one secondary source follows another, "facts" that were never in the primary sources come into being, grow, and take on a life of their own. The only way to sort them out, is to go back to the primary sources and see what is really there.

Usually, I only read secondary sources when I'm first coming into a subject to get a general outline and to raid the bibliography to find out where to start looking for evidence. I'm uncomfortable with any subject until I've reviewed the primary sources. However, I get asked to review books and find myself lured into reading secondary sources.

Recently, one of these was Mark Gardner's *To Hell on a Fast Horse*. I'm not really interested in Billy the Kid but have been lured into reviewing a number of books in the field. Gardner's is the first that I've found satisfying. It answered all my questions and made sense. Therefore, it passed one of my tests. If I were to pursue the field further, I'd start checking his sources to make sure he hadn't made up answers. Knowing a little of the field, I can see that Gardner has done a better job of organizing and characterizing information than others have and that his facts are supported by the evidence. I highly recommend the book.

I picked up *Frontier Marshal* for the first time and started reading where Wyatt Earp arrives in Tombstone. Some things are obvious. The author who worked with Wyatt is cleaning up his story making Wyatt a bit more heroic than he might have been. Wyatt is leaving out some details that he'd rather forget and he's very often giving his opinion. The author, Stuart Lake, lists the archival sources that he used, and the list is impressive. Lake tested what Wyatt was telling him although he also included things that were clearly Earp's opinion. These opinions are important since they inform the reader of what Wyatt was thinking and why he responded to events as he did. On the whole, I found the book made a lot more sense of the story than anything else I'd read about Tombstone. I recommend it.

Blast from the Past

Reno Gazette-Journal, 8 December 1882

The Trade Rat

The Animal That Believes "Exchange is not Robbery"

The "trade rat" has never been seen west of the Rocky Mountains, so far as the writer is

informed, until discovered in Reno a few days ago. The animal is about the size of the “wood rat” of the Sierra Nevada, which every prospector knows is the most mischievous creature in existence, barring neither monkey nor magpie. It will invade a miner’s camp in the night and pack off spoons, tin plates and other precious things. When it runs over a sleeping man at night he thinks a flock of sheep has struck him. It seems to be their favorite pastime to race back and forth over sleeping men, after they have stolen every small article, which they stow away in nests resembling a diminutive wigwam. The “trade rat” is also mischievous, but unlike the wood rat, he does not steal because he loves theft, but because he is endowed with a cheap-john faculty that compels him to do business without capital. He will steal a sack of potatoes, one by one, but for every tuber he removes he will substitute a piece of bar or a chip, or something else that is easily handled; and he never buries his plunder, but carefully covers one side of it, like a boy who blacks his boots in front and never thinks of the heels. When they see anything to steal they go off and find something to return as an equivalent, and they never take away an article until they are able to render quid pro quo. There is quite a number of these curious rodents along the ditches leading from the Truckee. They are not half so troublesome as other rats, as they mostly subsist upon vegetation, and steal only because they like to be employed.

Poetry Corner

Bob read this to an enthusiastic response at our Christmas Party. Karen P. also entertained us with a poem.

Christmas Wish

By Bob Spahle

Santa Claus is coming to town.

If you been good, no need to frown.
They’ll be singing and dancing and joy for all
At the elegant Tombstone Christmas Ball.

You only get dolled up once a year.
Saved up your money to buy you some beers.
Wantin’ to dance with a lady that’s sweet
Hopin’ you don’t step on her feet.

There’s gifts under the tree, wrapped up with
a bow
The tree looks so pretty with candles aglow.
I been as good as I can be
Hope he brings something special for me.

Saw somethin’ streak across the sky
I just seen Santa with my very own eye.
Time for bed before he comes
Hope he brings me a new .44 gun.

The Cowboy

By Glenn Ohrlin

The Hell-Bound Train, 1973

There lives a man on the western plains
With a ton of fight and an ounce of brains.
He herds the cows and robs the trains,
And he goes by the name of cowboy.

He sets up drinks when he hasn’t a cent.
He’ll fight like hell with any young gent.
When he makes love he goes it hell-bent.
Oh, that’s the way of the cowboy.

He shoots out lights in a dancing hall.
He gets shot up in a drunken brawl,
And a coroner’s jury ends it all.
And that’s the last of the cowboy.

Departments of Our Publications

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

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

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

Deep Thoughts on History (Philosophy of how to do history) If you have thoughts on how to do history, send them in.

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

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

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

Hollywood Trivia (fun stuff from the TV and Movies)

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

Photo Album (Photos submitted by Ranch Hands)

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

Departments of the Border Vidette

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

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

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

Recommended Books & Articles

Timelines

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at dhocking@centurylink.net or InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org

Photos, historical tidbits you've found, Corral news, news of places to visit and events of historical interest. You can have fun mining old newspapers for stories at:

Our website and how to get there:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>

What you'll find there:

The Fremont Street Mail (monthly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremont-street-mail>

The Border Vidette (quarterly):

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

Our Scrapbook:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

Some folks think Stiles was the wiliest coyote ever to roam Arizona. Maybe. Greedy, untrustworthy, and dumb as a brick.

Tombstone Epitaph

Tombstone Daily Epitaph, 29 December 1881

MIDNIGHT ASSASSINS

U.S. Deputy Marshal Virgil W. Earp Shot in the Back

The Facts as Far as Learned

About 11:30 o'clock last night, U.S. Deputy Marshal Virgil Earp, was proceeding from the Oriental Saloon from the northeast corner of Allen and Fifth streets to his room at the Cosmopolitan hotel, and when he was about the middle of the the crossing of Fifth street,

five shots were fired in rapid succession by unknown men who were standing in the old Palace saloon that is being rebuilt next door above Trasker and Pridham's store, on the southwest corner of the same streets. Immediately after the firing the assassins ran rapidly down Fifth past the Combination shaft and disappeared in the darkness beyond Tough Nut street.

Two of the shots took effect on Mr. Earp, one badly shattering his left arm, and the other entered his left side, producing a wound the nature of which has not been ascertained at the present writing. Three of the shots went through one of the windows of the Eagle Brewery saloon on the northeast corner in range with which Mr. Earp happened to be at the time of the firing. The holes in the windows were about at the height of four, six and seven feet respectively above the sidewalk; but fortunately none of the inmates of the saloon were injured, the shots impinging harmlessly upon the opposite wall of the room.

Later Particulars

Since the above was written it has been learned that immediately after the shooting three men ran past the ice house on Tough Nut street and sung out to the man in attendance who had his door open at the time, "Lock your door." The same three men were seen by a miner a few minutes later making down into the gulch below the Vizina hoisting works. The shots were evidently fired from double barreled shotguns, loaded with buckshot, and there must have been three men as five shots were fired in rapid succession. It is simply a miracle that Mr. Earp was not instantly killed, as in the darkness, with the simple aid of a bit of lighted paper the marks of nineteen shots were found on the east side of the Eagle brewery and in the awning posts, three of

them passing through a window on that side of the house.

Mr. Earp walked into the Oriental and told his brother Wyatt that he was shot. His friends escorted him to his room at the Cosmopolitan hotel and Drs. Matthews and Goodfellow were immediately called in to attend upon him. It was learned before going to press that his left arm received the principal damage, the shot taking effect just above the elbow, producing a longitudinal fracture of the bone between the shoulder and elbow. So far as could be learned the wound in his back is not necessarily dangerous, though painful.

This further proves that there is a band of assassins in our midst, who, having threatened the lives of Judge Spicer, Mayor Clum, Mr. Williams, the Earp brothers and Holliday, have attempted upon two occasions to carry their threats into execution, first upon Mayor Clum and second upon Virgil Earp. The question naturally arises, who will be the next subject? and a further question, How long will our people stand for this sort of thing? It is no fault of these damned assassins that several persons were not killed in their dastardly attempt to murder a United States officer last night; for there were many people in the Eagle Brewery, over the heads of whom the passing shots flew on their course. A few inches lower and there would have been corpses prostrate upon the floor in place of frightened people wondering what had happened to cause this bombardment.

From Martin, Douglas D., *Tombstone's Epitaph*, University of New Mexico Press, 1951.

Last Campfire

Please go to YouTube and Subscribe to our Channel.

The Christmas Campfire was a great success. Cindy, Gary, Debbie, Debora, Donna, Bonnie, and all (hope I didn't leave anyone out) brought some great treats. Karen and Bob presented wonderful Christmas poems, Bob's being his own writing. The Sheriff showed off some Indian artwork and Matt brought in some family jewelry made by his grandfather including a pocket watch and a ring with a tiny watch in it. Fred got a DVD running and we watched part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show filmed in 1898. Ilona and Sunny were out sick and we got word that Paul Fry's wife Gretchen had passed away suddenly during November. She will be missed and fondly remembered. Fred recorded the Campfire and it should be on YouTube soon. Best of all, we spent a long time eating goodies, fellowshipping and getting to know each other. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BTjvuenIqU>



Out and About

It's been another busy month. Jimmy Lehman and friends went out to watch the Sandhill Cranes darken the sky in their vast numbers at Whitewater Draw.

On November 12, the Corral worked with the Cochise County Historical Society to put on the play The Trial of Billy the Kid and raised



Sandhill Cranes by Jimmy Lehman

\$220 for our coffers while having a lot of fun. Ranch Hands Doug, Bill Cavaliere, Craig McEwan, Jon Donahue, and Jimmy Lehman all took part while Debbie and Liz counted



the money.

Bill, Doug and Jon
Photo by Bob Block



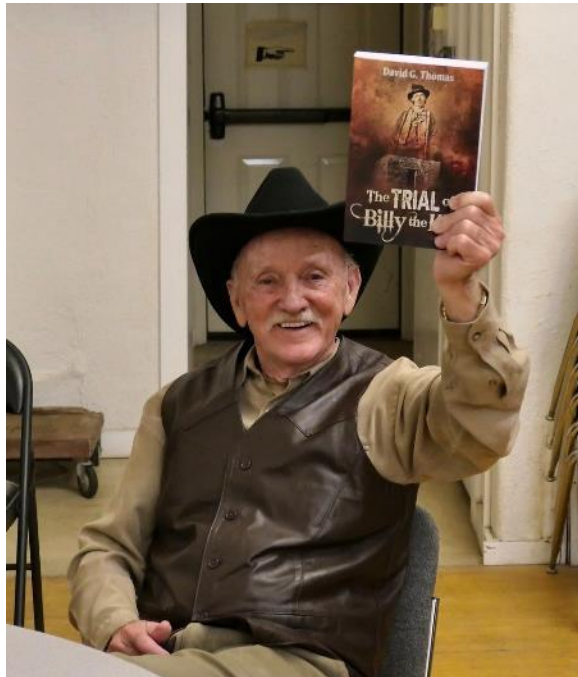
Bill makes his case
Photo by Bob Block

You can watch the play on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/tho7LI9keuU>

The Sheriff and Billy
Photo by Cindy Lehman



The Sheriff's Badge
Photo by Cindy Lehman



The book of the play
Photo by Bob Block



Reviews from the Trial of Billy the Kid

Thank you to everyone for making last night's performance of "The Trial of Billy the Kid" such a huge success! We had a pretty good turn out and I heard many positive comments from various people in the audience. In my opinion, the acting was better than the performance in Rodeo. I think everyone is feeling more familiar with their parts!

I really appreciate those of you who drove from such distances to assist, including such distant towns as Las Cruces, Lordsburg, Rodeo, Portal and Animas.

A special thank you to Doug Hocking, the sheriff of the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, who co-sponsored the concert and play, to Debbie, Cindy, and Liz for manning the door and selling books and coins, Dan Aranda and his crew for the great job as stage managers, and to Dan Crow and Karla for the wonderful concert.

Don't forget: there will be one more performance on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the beautiful Rio Grande Theater in Las Cruces, New Mexico. I sincerely hope that all of our great actors can make it!

And last but certainly not least, thank you to David Thomas for writing such a fun script, and best wishes from all of us for his speedy recovery!!!

Bill Cavaliere

President,
Cochise County Historical Society

Congratulations to you and all who participated. Well-done. Great way to teach history.

Michael Farmer

I really enjoyed the whole evening, the music and play. Everyone was really great in their acting roles and made it such a historical fun evening. It was wonderful teamwork.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Karen Peitsmeyer

Hello Doug, Debbie, Craig, Bill, Jon and all those who made the evening so enjoyable. I also was able to reconnect with old friends. It was a wonderful evening and experience. Thank you all!

Chris Rhodes

I'm like a kid in a candy store. In about 45 minutes I get to be on a stage where Western luminaries such as Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday used to walk and watch performances over a century ago.

"Schieffelin Hall is a building from the American Old West in Tombstone, Arizona Territory, the largest standing adobe structure still existent in the United States southwest. It was built in 1881 by Albert Schieffelin, brother of Tombstone founder Ed Schieffelin, and William Harwood as a first

class opera house, theater, recital hall, and a meeting place for Tombstone citizens."

Jimmy Lehman



Good job, everyone! I enjoyed it very much and learned some things about Billy. Took a lot more photos, but many did not turn out.

Bob Block



The Cast

Photo by Bob Block

Outreach to Our Youth

On November 29, Sheriff Doug Hocking spoke to 72 Fourth Graders at Leman (no relation to Jimmy) Academy in Sierra Vista on the Westward Expansion after the Civil War. He wore his 1850s Topographical Engineer uniform and brought items to hand around. The 19th century telescope, Indian beadwork and buffalo face were especially appreciated.



Photo by Debbie Hocking

On December 19, Sheriff Doug Hocking was also on Mike Mayberry's podcast Cochise County Travels in Wild West History. You can listen to it at:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/cochise-county-travels-wild-west-history/id1392269011?i=1000586809303>

On 25 & 26 November, Mescal Movie Ranch celebrated with their Christmas Bazaar. There were many, many vendors and many of our Ranch Hands made the trip. Jimmy Lehman was there along with Gary S. and Bob Block and Deborah Lewis.



Doug and Gary
Photo by Bob Block



Debbie
Photo by Doug Hocking



At Mescal, Tombstone Santa
Photo by Doug Hocking



At Mescal: How do you like them Cajun potatoes?
 Seriously, she was a food vendor!
 We still want to know who gave her a \$10 tip
 Photo by Doug Hocking



The Walk Down Photo by Doug Hocking



Author Debora Lewis at work
 Photo by Bob Block

Hollywood Trivia

From November: And then there were movies where the sheriff was so bad, he was good or at least, well played. For instance, this 1985 Western featured Kevin Costner, Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, and Danny Glover as a disparate group of westerners who are brought together by their mutual disgust over the machinations of Ethan McKendrick, a town boss, and his crony sheriff Cobb. Who played Cobb and what was that movie?

The movie was *Silverado* and the sheriff was played by Brian Dennehy. That film was a breakout role for Kevin Costner, who played Jake.

Some believe that the best western movie director of all time was not American, but rather Italian [yes, and there are people who believe the Moon is made of cheese.] Undoubtedly, Sergio Leone's best film was "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Which of these actors did not play a starring role in this film?

- A. Charles Bronson
- B. Eli Wallach
- C. Clint Eastwood
- D. Lee Van Cleef

Coming Events

December 6 – Tuesday, 7 p.m. **Terror on the Santa Fe Trail**, Doug Hocking at Adobe Corral, Savoy Opera House, Trail Dust Town, Tucson.

December 10 – 10-2p.m. – **Christmas at Empire Ranch**

December 10, 7 p.m. – **Annual Tombstone Christmas Ball**, Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone

December 17, 11 a.m. - **Bronze Plaque honoring the 48 Medal of Honor recipients from the Apache Wars who have no known grave sites.** Veterans Cemetery, Sierra Vista.

December 18, **Mescal Christmas Bazaar.**

2023

January

January 24 to 26 – **Trail Gather in Tombstone** Annual meeting of the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association.
<https://tombstonearizona.thetaleofthetrail.org/register-for-tombstone/>

Watch the video about this coming event at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5133B8OAD4>

February

February 8-12 **Tubac Festival of the Arts**, Tubac

February 8-10 **Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering**, Sierra Vista

February 17-25 **Tucson Rodeo La Fiesta de los Vaqueros**, Tucson

March

March 4-5 **Heard Museum Indian Fair & Market**, Phoenix

March 4-5 **Tucson Festival of Books**, the Mall, UofA Campus, Tucson

April

May

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

September

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

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/>

<https://tombstonearizona.thetaleofthetrail.org/register-for-tombstone/>

Chiricahua Regional Museum

127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643
 520 384-3971
 Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Odd Bits**Karen Peitsmeyer**

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

HMS
 P.O. Box 673
 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0673

Or call 520-450-0208
 Or write luego@mac.com
 Or Michelejeanmary@gmail.com

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

Cowboy Talk

1. I wouldn't trust him as far as I can throw an Elephant agin' a strong wind.
2. Goin' round the coffee pot lookin' for the handle would about cover the extent of his travels.
3. He's so tough he planted radish seeds with his shotgun.
4. As cold blooded as a rattler with a chill.



**Unveiling of a Bronze Plaque Honoring
 48 Medal of Honor Recipients from the Apache Wars
 Whose Resting Places are Unknown**

**At the Veterans Cemetery
 Sierra Vista
 Saturday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.**


The Cochise County Historical Society will be hosting the unveiling of a bronze plaque honoring the 48 Medal of Honor recipients from the Apache Wars who have no known grave sites. After the unveiling, there will be a presentation by Dr. Deni Seymour titled, "Men of Thunder, Gods of Lightning: Coronado in Arizona." This will all take place on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 am.

After these events, there will be a luncheon at the La Casita restaurant. Their banquet table only seats 20 people. If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to **Call or Email for Reservations and Leave a Message**


Larussa.cindy@gmail.com or 509 995 9885 if you would like to attend the luncheon and join our group at the table.

AUTHORS WANTED

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We Want YOU!
On March 1st, 2023 to
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Schieffelin Hall




E-mail CCCW Sheriff Doug Hocking
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to reserve space for your table
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Sign up today!

1st Annual Tombstone Western Book Fair



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Contact inkslinger@cochisecountycorral.org or doug@doughocking.com for an application. If you have an author friend, please pass the word.



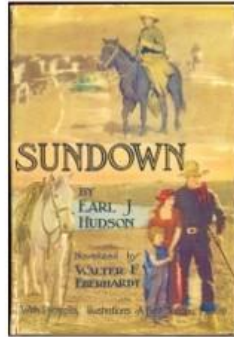
COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Thursday January 5th, 7 PM at Schieffelin Hall **FREE**

Presenter:
Craig McEwan

Sundown!

A FIRST NATIONAL PICTURE



Who might actually be a Ghost Historian, as photographed recently at the Gadsden Hotel, trying to be serious for the second image.

On Thursday, January 5, 2023, Craig McEwan will speak on the 1924 silent film **Sundown**, when the movie industry arrived in Douglas to film scenes for a true Western epic, the story of the end of the large cattle spreads in the American Southwest.

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
- ❖ Exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our Western history
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western History
- ❖ Read the interesting *Border Vidette* and the *Fremont Street Mail*

Contact Sheriff Doug Hocking at 378-1833, doug@doughocking.com or "Nevada" Smith at 642-7601

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Christmas

AT THE EMPIRE RANCH

HISTORIC WESTERN HOLIDAY SPIRIT LIKE NO OTHER

• LET'S CELEBRATE •

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2022 -
10 AM TO 2 PM

EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION

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Empire Ranch Rd, Sonoita AZ*

www.empireranchfoundation.org
888-364-2829

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AFTERNOON OF FUN & FAMILY

\$10 parking donation requested

The Empire Ranch Foundation is a
501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Mescal Movie Set Announces its Holiday Tour Schedule

Tour the world-famous western set before filming resumes this spring.

BENSON, AZ, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES, NOV. 28, 2022

The Mescal Movie Set is expanding its Historical Tour schedule over the holiday season and into the new year. Now is a great time to visit before filming resumes this spring. The set expects a busy film schedule in 2023 but remains committed to hosting tours and special events between film productions.



The set has been used in over 100 film productions, including many of your favorite classic westerns. Guests taking a Historical Tour will visit buildings and street locations where memorable scenes from *Tombstone*, *Outlaw Josey Wales*, *The Quick and the Dead*, and many more occurred. Including:

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

Tours are available on Fridays and Saturdays on the following dates.

December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 30, 31 / January 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

Future dates may be limited because of film production.

Tours promptly run on the hour, starting at 9:00 AM, with the last tour at 2:00 PM. The walking tour is a quarter mile long and last about one hour. The cost is only \$15 per person, with children 10 and under free. All proceeds are used to renovate the set to attract future film productions. Please, no pets, smoking, or weapons on set.

Please check the Upcoming Event Schedule at www.MescalMovieSet.com to discover when food trucks, stagecoach rides, musicians, and other special activities are available. Tours are limited, so it's best to make a reservation in advance at www.MescalMovieSet.com. For more information, visit www.MescalMovieSet.com or call 520-255-6662.

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About the Mescal Movie Set

The Mescal Movie Set is home to the hit movies *Tombstone*, *The Quick and the Dead*, and over 100 other western films. It is in historical and beautiful Cochise County, Arizona. Many iconic stars have walked its dusty streets, including Paul Newman, Clint Eastwood, Sharon Stone, Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Sam Elliott, Tom Selleck, and many more. But time took its toll, and the set was nearing demolition. Thankfully, local ranchers acquired the property and didn't let this essential piece of western history be lost. The set is being renovated as an authentic western town and bringing film production back to Southern Arizona.

HISTORICAL TOURS

of the Mescal Movie Set

Grab your cowboy hat & boots and mosey on over to the world famous Mescal Movie Set! Visit while you can! Tours may be limited this spring due to a busy film schedule!

Fridays	Saturdays
Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 9	Dec 10
Dec 16	Dec 17
Dec 30	Dec 31
Jan 6	Jan 7
Jan 13	Jan 14
Jan 20	Jan 21

Tours run on the hour. 9AM - 2PM

Open on weekends Friday and Saturday.
 Tickets are limited. Please reserve in advance.
 Tours are on the hour and subject to change.
 Admission \$15/person. Kids 10 & under are free!
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**PRESIDIO MUSEUM
 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
 Saturday, December 10 * 4-7 pm**

\$10/adult, \$5/person ages 6-13

Pima County residents, military members and seniors 65 and over get \$3 off with ID

Tickets must be purchased on-site.

Celebrate the holidays at the Presidio Museum:

**4:15-5 pm: Carrillo Magnet School will perform their Posada, a re-creation of the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. After the procession, the children form a circle and sing traditional Spanish songs.

**5:15 pm: Cannon firing

**5:45 pm: Musket volley

**6 pm: Twas the Night Before Christmas/Legend of the Poinsettia readings

**6:15 pm: Cannon firing

**6:30 pm: Tour by lantern light of the Presidio

**6:45 pm: Musket volley

Throughout the event:

**Holiday-themed crafts, including making corn husk wreaths, Victorian paper teardrops, paper garlands, and Christmas card ornaments plus tin-smithed ornaments

**Presidio Tavern selling holiday drinks like champurrado and eggnog, spiked or not!

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JOIN US JANUARY 24, 25 and 26, 2023 IN TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

2023 Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon California Trails Association Trail Gathering in Tombstone, AZ

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

Register Now Learn More

About This Trail Gathering in Tombstone

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.

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.

EVENT PRICING: \$75 for an individual, or we discount it to **\$125 for two!** This includes Registration, Snacks, a Picnic Lunch, and the Banquet at Monument Ranch. You will still have a chance to have lunch and dinner on your own Tuesday.

Please use the REGISTER link at tombstonearizona.thetaleofthetrail.org. We look forward to meeting you!

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DAY ONE

Tuesday, 24 JANUARY 2023

8:00AM - 9:00AM

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Arrive at Schieffelin Hall located at 402 East Fremont Street, Tombstone 85638, for today's events.

8:00am – 11:30am Book Sales and Networking

8:00am – 9:00am Registration

9:00am Opening remarks by Mark Howe, President of the Southern Trails Chapter.

9:15am An introduction to Tombstone presented by Jon Donahue.

10:00am Doug Hocking will present a photo tour of the trails through Cochise County.

11:00am Diane Hadley will present the history of Guadalupe Canyon.

11:45am – 1:30pm Break for lunch on your own in Tombstone.

1:30pm Following lunch, we drive to Fairbank for a tour of the Battle of Bull Run.

2:30pm We drive to Santa Cruz de Terrenate Presidio Trailhead for a hike to Presidio Terrenate, (1776-1780).

Dinner will be on your own tonight.

DAY TWO

Wednesday, 25 JANUARY 2023

8:00AM

MEET AT SCHIEFFELIN HALL – for a Road Trip adventure

8:00am to 8:30am Registration and Book Sales.

8:30am Depart Schieffelin Hall to drive to Ash Creek to see Smith's grave. He is the only known death of the Mormon Battalion between Santa Fe and San Diego.

9:45am Drive to Slaughter's San Bernardino Ranch for a tour and talks by Dan Judkins and Diane Hadley and a picnic lunch.

1:30pm Drive to the Mormon Battalion Monument in Cottonwood Canyon and a view of Guadalupe Pass.

3:00pm Return to Tombstone for dinner on your own.

DAY THREE

Thursday, 26 JANUARY 2023

8:00AM

MEET AT SCHIEFFELIN HALL

8:00am – 11:30am Book Sales and Networking

8:00am – 8:30am Registration

8:30am – 9:30am Gerald Ahnert will present an update on the Butterfield Overland Mail and

Dragoon Springs.

10:00am – 10:45am Dan Judkins will present the story of Antoine Leroux as the chief guide to Arizona and New Mexico.

11:00am Rick Collins will share Quirky Episodes of Death and Danger in the Santa Cruz Valley.

11:45am Drive to Monument Ranch for a nice banquet in their fabulous hall and a presentation by Gil Storms – Devil's Highway.

Lunch is a choice of chicken or brisket, ranch beans, mac and cheese, dinner salad and roll, iced tea and water.

You'll enjoy the dude ranch and historic atmosphere too.

2:00pm Return to Schieffelin Hall

2:30pm – 3:30pm Cecilia Bell will present the story of Maria Morris and Fort Webster

3:45pm Business Meeting and Elections for the Chapter.

4:30pm A tour of the upstairs of Schieffelin Hall which is the old Masonic Lodge with guide Chris Douglas.

5:00pm New Board Meeting and Conference wrap up. Safe travels! Thank you for joining us!

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

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

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



Huachuca Museum Society Christmas Bazaar, Ethel Berger Center, December 10

**Come see us at Christmas in the Park at Veterans Memorial Park
the first weekend in December and at the Christmas Bazaar at Ethel
Berger Center on December 10.**

**If you're a member of HMS, you get 10% off on Gift Store items.
Here are some great gifts.**



The Tombstone News

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The 2022 Tombstone Christmas Tree Lighting will take place Friday, November 25 at 5:30pm on 5th and Allen Streets!

Operation Safe Streets Makes Apprehensions in Tombstone

By Samantha Nicholas
The Tombstone News
According to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, on Wednesday November 16, 2022 at approximately 2:30 pm, members of the CIT/Operation Safe Streets task force attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a 2017 Chevy Malibu at mile post 318 on Highway 80 in Tombstone, however the vehicle failed to stop. The information says that

the vehicle finally stopped near a local business in Tombstone where the driver of the vehicle, 30-year-old US citizen Jovan Rolan from Eloy, was found to be transported three undocumented immigrants. The vehicle and immigrants were turned over to US Border Patrol for processing while Rolan was booked into the Cochise County Jail on charges of Human Smuggling and Failure to Yield. The week before, the task

force attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a 2007 Buick sedan on Fremont and 1st Street in Tombstone which led to the vehicle fleeing at speeds over 100 miles an hour. The vehicle was observed a short time later and again fled from Benson Police and Arizona Department of Public Safety Troopers. The vehicle was subsequently stopped using tire deflation devices near mile post 310 on Interstate 10 westbound. This led to

the arrest of a 16-year-old female from Avondale. According to Marshal Adams October Report, there were multiple vehicle pursuits and reports of illegal immigrants, including one pursuit involving our department and an undercover agent from the Department of Homeland Security that resulted in the arrest of a man who was already on parole for Armed Robbery. The following week, we successfully spiked a vehicle

heading to town at speeds over 100mph. That subject was driving with exceptional disregard for the safety of others and was frequently turning his lights off to evade detection and capture. He ultimately lost control and spun-out near the Highway 80/82 intersection. He was caught after a foot pursuit," said Adams. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents recently announced that human smugglers are recruiting

teenagers and young adults over the internet to help aid in human smuggling attempts. These operations often lure people with the promise of easy money and thousands of dollars of cash. Those at the border often pay upwards of \$5,000 for "coyotes" to help get them into the United States. Some of that money is then shared with the drivers, which are increasingly being sought on social media platforms like Facebook and TikTok.

Hoop Dancer Who Performs in Tombstone Performs at White House

By Jon Donahue
The Tombstone News
ShanDien LaRance, a champion hoop dancer from New Mexico, performed a hoop dance and drum song this week for first lady Jill Biden and about 400 Native people from all over the country attending the first Native American Heritage Month Reception at the

White House. ShanDien starred here at our 2nd Native American Festival a year ago, dancing down Allen Street and then next to the Art Gallery. "It was a total honor, and we are humbled," said her father, drummer-singer Steve LaRance, about the White House event. "To be invited to the White House, it's just one of those once-in-a-life-



time experiences." After the performance, his daughter ShanDien toured the White House with members of other tribes attending the event. "They just told me, you know, how proud they were of me," she said in an interview. "As I told them, 'If you guys could see my view from the stage, looking at all 400 of you, just dressed to your most absolute Indig-

enous best'... It was such an unforgettable experience." ShanDien LaRance said she left her hoops behind to be displayed in the White House Art Collection, which "means I've left a part of history there. So it's really an awesome thing that happened." "It's a well-deserved honor," said Charlie One Horse of the Spotted Eagle Gallery on 4th Street. "We are already working with Steve to get the LaRances back for our 4th Native American Festival next year, ShanDien is so exciting!" That's for sure... she also performs with Cirque du Soleil Big Top show "Ystem" in Las Vegas, and we can't wait for her next appearance in The Town Too Tour to Die!

'The Trial of Billy The Kid' Play a Big Hit at Schieffelin Hall

By Jon Donahue
The Tombstone News
Last Saturday night at historic Schieffelin Hall, a packed house of 80+ theatre-goers took in a new hit play, 'The Trial of Billy The Kid'. Before the play started, we enjoyed songs by famed singers Dan Crow and Karla Steen. And then the lights went down and actors from the Cochise County Historical Society, The Friends of Pat Garrett, and the Cochise County Corral of the West-erners took to the wide deep stage. The large audience was in for a thrill, as the ac-

tors spoke their lines without electronic amplification or speakers. Nothing different from back in the first silver boom, except for electric lights this time around. 48 lights high above the audience in four sets of 12, signifying the 48 states in the Union at the time they were installed long, long ago. The play, written by author David Thomas, told the story of a trial back in New Mexico Territory in 1881. It was the murder trial of a young man, Henry Antrim aka Billy the Kid. When his boss, rancher John Tunstall, was murdered in 1878, young Billy swore vengeance. Unfortunately, the leader of the

gang that murdered Tunstall was Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady. And someone shot Brady dead at a corral gunfight. "Wasn't me," declared actor Craig McEwan, portraying Billy Mathews, "a Brady gang member who Billy believed actually killed Tunstall. The riveting trial featured back-and-forth verbal jousting between Simon Newcomb, the prosecutor, played by Bill Cavaliere, and Albert Fountain, the defense attorney, played by Howard Topoff. Dan Crowe played Judge Warren Bristol, and Rick Eldridge played George Howard, the Bailiff, with Jim Lehman as Sheriff John

Southwick keeping a wary eye on Billy, sitting handcuffed in the dock. Both sides called witnesses. For the prosecution, Rolf Koford as the older Saturnino Baca, father of young Jesse Bradfield playing Bonifacio Baca who swore he saw Billy's head over the top of the 8-foot high corral wall. Kim Kvamme played defense witness Jacob Mathews. For the defense, their lawyer called Wayne Fraze playing Albert Howe, Ray Mendez as Florencio Gonzales, and Doug Hocking as a very convincing John Wilson. In the midst of all this, enter vivacious and alluring Karla Steen playing Susan McSween, very fond



of Billy but forbidden to give him a last kiss by the Sheriff. At trial's end, the judge polled the imaginary jury and found that, sure enough, Billy was guilty, inasmuch as he had admitted he was trying to kill Mathews, and was there at the corral with whoever actually killed Brady, so - "... to be hung by the neck until dead." Sentence pronounced, which was my cue as the Reporter to run down the aisle yelling "Billy! Billy! One last word for the Mesilla Times!" But it was not to be. Sheriff Southwick led Billy away and the play ended. The audience applauded and demanded repeated curtain calls from the excellent cast. Next stop, Broadway!

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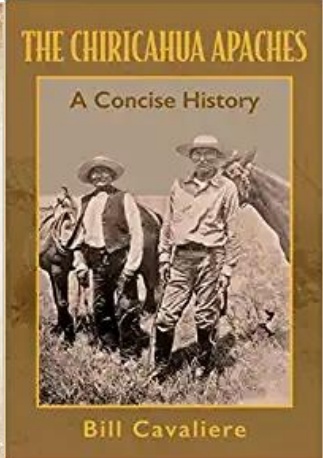
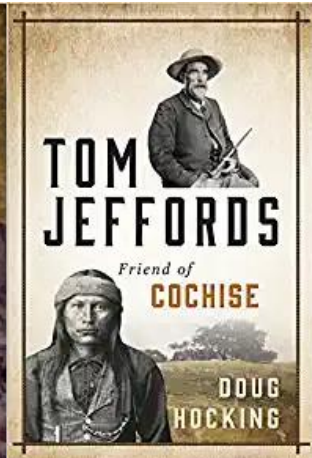
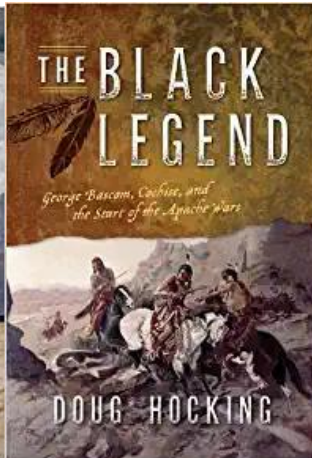
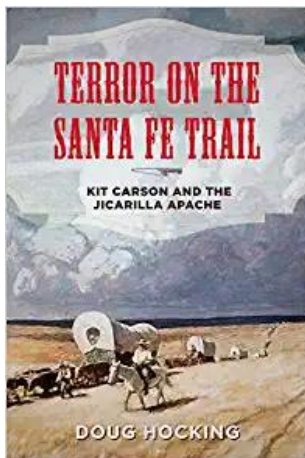
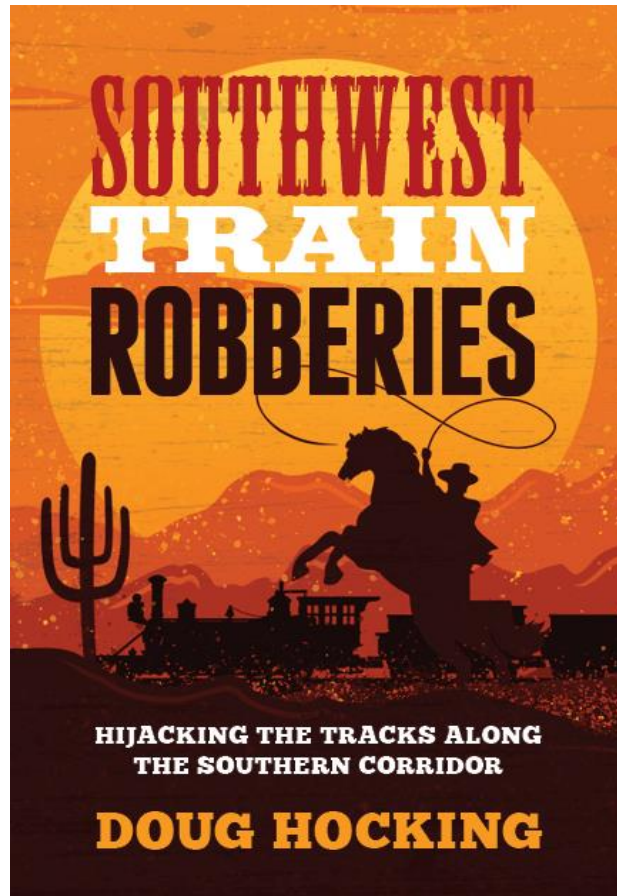
DEA Laboratory Testing Reveals that 6 out of 10 Fentanyl-Laced Fake Prescription Pills Now Contain Potentially Lethal Dose of Fentanyl

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is alerting the public of a sharp nationwide increase in the lethality of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills. The DEA Laboratory has found that, of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills analyzed in 2022, six out of ten now contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from DEA's previous announcement in 2021 that four out of ten fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills were found to contain a potentially lethal dose. "More than half of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription

pills being trafficked in communities across the country now contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl. This marks a dramatic increase - from four out of ten to six out of ten - in the number of pills that can kill," said Administrator Anne Milgram. "These pills are being mass-produced by the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel in Mexico. Never take a pill that wasn't prescribed directly to you. Never take a pill from a friend. Never take a pill bought on social media. Just one pill is dangerous and one pill can kill." Last year, the DEA issued a Public Safety Alert on the widespread drug trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake pre-

scription pills in American communities. These pills are largely made by two Mexican drug cartels, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel, to look identical to real prescription medications, including OxyContin®, Percocet®, and Xanax®, and they are often deadly. In 2021, the DEA seized more than 20.4 million fake prescription pills. Earlier this year, the DEA conducted a nationwide operational surge to target the trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills and, in just over three months, seized 10.2 million fake pills in all 50 states. Through its One Pill Can Kill campaign, the DEA is working to alert

the American public of the dangers of fake prescription pills. Fentanyl remains the deadliest drug threat facing this country. It is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, the small amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially deadly dose. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug poisoning in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl. The Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco Cartel in Mexico, using chemicals largely sourced from China, are primarily responsible for the vast majority of the fentanyl that is being trafficked in communities across the United States. According to the CDC, 107,375 people in the United States died of drug overdoses and drug poisonings in the 12-month period ending in January 2022. A staggering 67 percent of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Some of these deaths were attributed to fentanyl mixed with other illicit drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin, with many users unaware they were actually taking fentanyl. Only two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose; it's particularly dangerous for someone who does not have a tolerance to opioids. SAMHSA's National Helpline also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service, this Helpline provides 24-hour free and confidential treatment referral and information about mental health and substance use disorders, prevention, and recovery, in English and Spanish. Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or visit www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov.





The Cochise County Corral Membership

Membership Form November 2022



The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you
to renew a fun, informal group of people
2023 RENEWAL
Every First Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
At Schieffelin Hall
On Fremont Street
Dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant

Membership Benefits:

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western Frontier History
- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities
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- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
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- ❖ **Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021**



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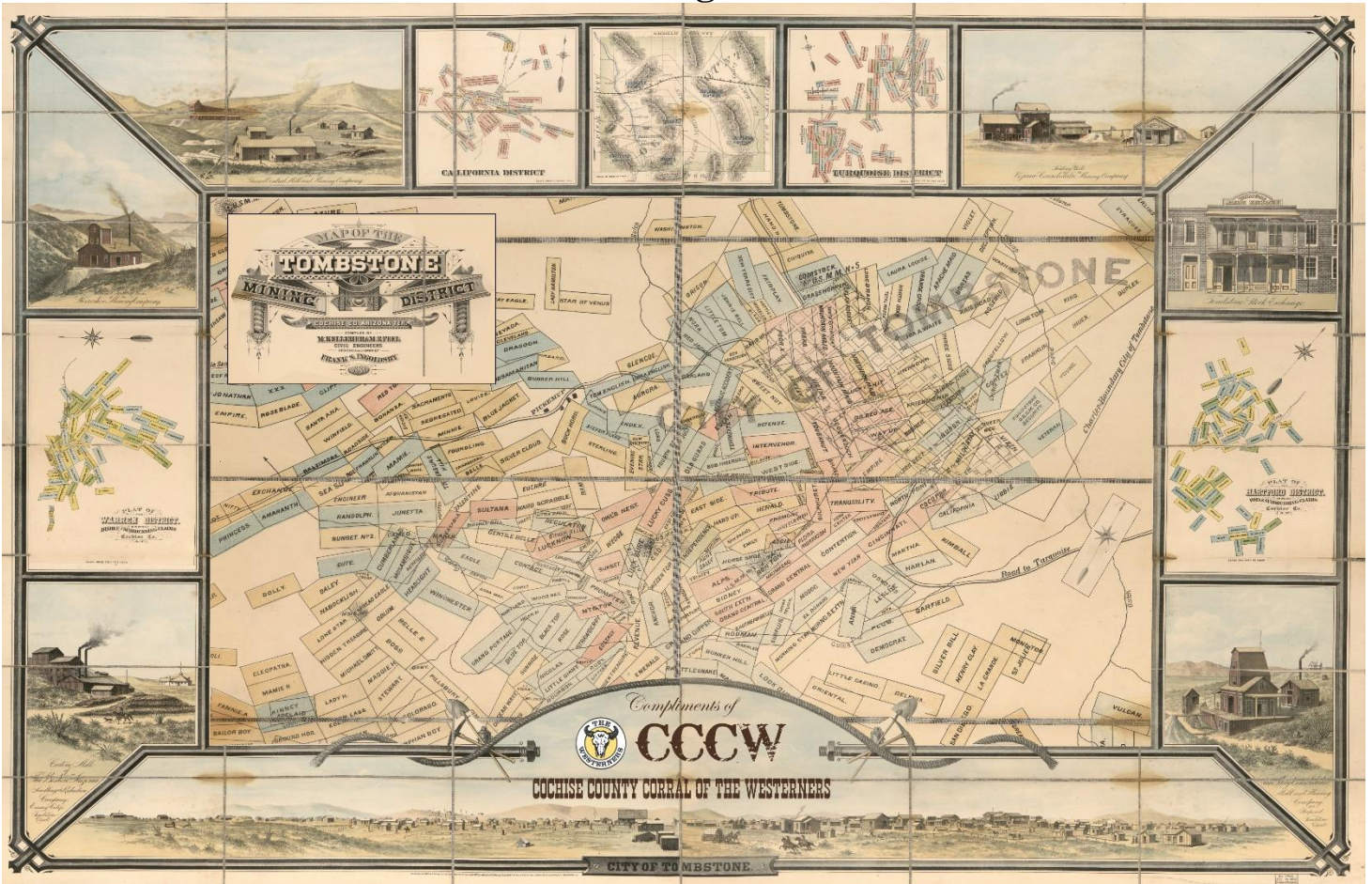
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