

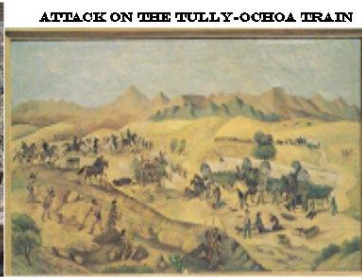
# FREMONT STREET MAIL



March 12, 2024

## Roundup Foreman's Trumpet Gary Smith

On Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall Dawn Santiago will speak on *One of the Coolest and Bravest Men in the Southwest*. Estevan Ochoa played an integral role in the development of Territorial New Mexico and Arizona. 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.



May 2 - *Healers, Quacks and Elixirs* by George Whitehead

June 6 - *Bisbee Deportation* by Mike Anderson

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

## Recorder of Marks and Brands Jean Smith

*Tombstone Festival of Western Books* was a **huge success**. Thanks to all who assisted and took part. We had 40 authors and lots of visitors. Geronimo, Wyatt Earp, and Faro Phil had lots of fun entertaining those who came. We need signs and activity out front and on Allen Street.

**On to the next project.** Debora Lewis has had a great idea – *Let's do a book of Short Stories and Poetry!*

We need a good title and we need people to submit their work.

**Last Chance 2024! Pay your dues or we have to drop you.**

**Only \$20 for the Year!**

**You can send them to:**

Cochise County Corral

P.O. Box 393

Tombstone, AZ 85638

We have a reprieve from Home Ranch, and it'll be another month before we have to drop your name from the roles for non-payment. **You know you want to remain part of this!**

Lifetime Member **Gene Baker** is still with us.

**Keeper of the Chips**  
**Debora Lewis**

As of March 7, 2023:

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

80 Ranch Hands but only 46 are paid for 2024.

We have in Checking - \$2988.00

We have in Savings - \$1020.76

February expenses were: \$209.62

January income was \$626.00

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

**Ethics and Annoyance**

I frequently advertise on Facebook and in other places for coming events as well as for books I have published. It's really annoying when someone adds to the ad with usually disparaging and uninformed opinion often only tangentially related subject spoiling the effect of the ad. For instance, the ad might be for *The History of the U.S. Cavalry* and the comment something like "Eskimos frequently mistreated their horses."

Sometimes the intruding comment will be something on the order of an ad for their presentation on the Seventh Cavalry as if this were related to the above book and as if they were the author of *History of the U.S. Cavalry*. When you work from someone else's material you give the impression that the original author is endorsing your comments.

I found the cover of my book, *Terror on the Santa Fe Trail*, as the lead icon on a YouTube video on the history of the Jicarilla Apache. I felt honored and was going to share the video. Then I watched and the first thing he said was "The Jack ah Rill ah." It was then I realized

he hadn't read the book. He went on to get just about everything wrong. "Thanks, buddy, now I'm really embarrassed." No, I won't provide the link.

Recently I made up a poster for an event where I'm speaking. I did this with trepidation and for two reasons. One I couldn't find a good copy of their announcement and two, because their announcement was for a series of talks where mine was only one on the list. I was very careful not to distort or alter any of their basic information.

Someone might add their material to one of my posters. No artist likes to see changes to their work, but we can forgive. They might include an inside joke saying two people would be present at the event being advertised. The two will not be there as they are characters from a book and a contemplated book. It's cute if you're in on the joke. Most won't be. It's only a minor annoyance and we can't go about our lives worrying too much about little things.

In innocence, someone might add to an announcement that they would be at the event collecting money to support a research project not realizing that this is a major ethics violation and can't be allowed either in the advertising or at the event.

By including this information in the ad or by setting up to collect at the event, they are saying that the organization hosting the event has given its permission, support, and approval and are willing to suffer the consequences if there are any irregularities in the collecting or dispersing of funds. The event was organized for the purpose, for instance, that of selling books and for the non-profit organizations participating to advertise themselves and recruit. That is the limit of what can ethically be done. The

hosting organization has communicated to the public that they tacitly approve of everything happening at the event.

In order to get the approval of the host to allow the collection of funds for a research project, the project would have to have a properly organized 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, with open books, proper accounting, and a schedule of how funds will be distributed and spent. The project would have to be properly defined. Anything less, puts the host at risk of being drawn in, being sued and of having its reputation tarnished.

**Deputy Sheriff’s Corner**  
**Liz Severn**

I’m working hard on awards! It looks like we’ll submit members of the Corral in every category. In some categories the choices were hard! And we have multiple members entering so we might win first, second, and third prize.

Janet Sands, Sheriff of the Flagstaff Corral, who was our speaker at the last Campfire, was very impressed with you all. She said it was wonderful that so many Ranch Hands contributed in so many different ways – Cowboy poetry, short-history, book reviews, snacks, the raffle, trail rides, Facebook, and coming events.

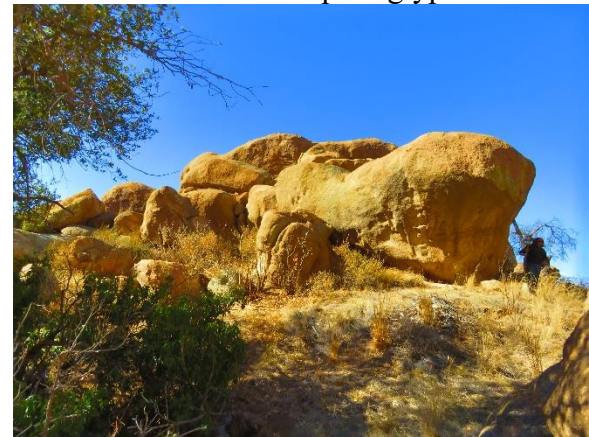
**Trail Boss’s Whip**  
**Bob Spahle**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**  
**Trail Ride to Council Rocks**

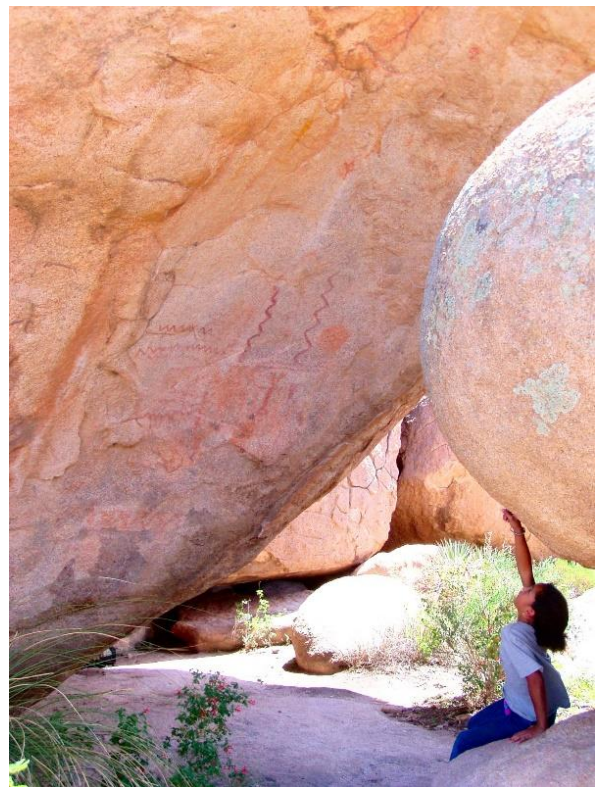
- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast at Longhorn** (optional)
- 10:00 a.m. **Depart from Schieffelin Hall**
- 12:30 p.m. **Picnic Lunch at Council Rocks**

We’re taking a “bring your own” Picnic Lunch to Council Rocks in West Stronghold Canyon. We’ll visit the spot where Tom

Jeffords, Cochise, and General O.O. Howard spent days working out a peace treaty and then see the place where Cochise explained the treaty to his people and got their approval. We’ll pass by the White House ruins, a ranch from the 1880s, and push on to the picnic site at the incorrectly signed Council Rocks where we’ll see ancient petroglyphs.



Picnic lunch, strong shoes, a hat, and water are a must! We go out by well-maintained dirt roads following Middle March and then a forest road.





**Deep Thoughts on History**  
**Doug Hocking**

I've been invited to speak about the history of the Jicarilla Apache at the SANTA FE TRAIL RENDEZVOUS at Larned KS, Sept. 19-21, 2024. The theme is "**Road of Conquest: Another View of the Santa Fe Trail.**" They're going to pay my expenses out of a government grant. Here is a description of my proposed talk:

**“The Jicarilla Apache, A People Who Stood Up for Themselves.** At the Battle of Thermopylae 300 Spartans blocked the pass against 300,000 invading Persians. They were slaughtered but we remember them as heroes not victims. The Jicarilla likewise stood their ground becoming, in 1887, the last tribe to advance to the land they chose, and had been denied, and claim it as their reservation. Along the way, they fought and won a great victory at Cieneguilla. The last third of the Santa Fe Trail runs through Jicarilla country so collision was inevitable. The trail upset the Jicarilla economy replacing products they had traded to the Mexicans and reducing access to game. They were robbed of farms and homes as well. The trail brought the means and incentive to dispossess them of the plains they had roamed.

“In August 2023, Doug was invited to return to the reservation to present the history the Apache had told him and which he documented and wrote as *Terror on the Santa Fe Trail*. One of Doug's proudest moments is that the Jicarilla approved.”

In the late 1960s, *Star Trek* came up with the *Prime Directive* which Captain Kirk seemed to find an excellent reason to violate almost every week. This was actually an outgrowth of a movement within academia at the same time. I encountered it as a graduate student in Social Anthropology.

The argument for the Prime Directive in academia goes something like this:

“When an advanced culture meets a primitive culture, the primitives are overwhelmed, their culture destroyed, and they are left poor hapless victims, crushed, degraded, thinking themselves inferior and unable to compete in the Modern world.”

This is what academia taught had been done to the Native Americans, Africans, and Pacific Islanders including the Japanese. *They were poor, helpless victims.*

Captain Kirk's Prime Directive stated that a planet could not be contacted until they had developed the Warp Drive. Our own directive remains undefined. Perhaps we shouldn't have contacted the primitive people of our world until they had developed gunpowder. If we had waited a few hundred years, Europeans would have developed nuclear weapons and tanks, and the poor primitive natives would still have been a great disadvantage. Every now and then *Star Trek* encountered a race so far in advance of themselves, such as the Q who could change the universe with the blink of an eye, that left the Federation at a tremendous disadvantage had it not been for the wits of Captain Picard or the wiles of Captain Janeway. I need only consider the changes of my own lifetime to realize that there will always be the more and less advanced. What would a single M1A1 Abrams tank have done to entire German armored divisions of World War II?

Culture is the entire tool kit of learning that a society possesses. This includes language, the ways to make tools, ways to organize people, writing, and a basic understanding of how the universe works including mores and a sense of right and wrong. Not all individuals have access to all the tools. There are specialists. Without writing or other means of recording, some basics differ from subgroup to subgroup and even individual to individual. Consider in our own society differences in religion and remember that within societies without writing there is no “bible” to which one may refer, and differences are even greater. Without formal philosophy, the resulting religion is often even more self-contradictory than our own.

Remember that culture is a toolbox, not a prison. Our intellectual elite tends to look down on the poor benighted savages who are imprisoned in their culture and can't help themselves, thus becoming victims of more advanced cultures. That is, except for themselves who with total access to all the benefits derived from overwhelming lesser cultures, decry what was done to the poor victims.

Consider that culture as a toolbox. Can you learn a new language? If yes, you have added a new tool to your box. Other people can do the same. Native Americans saw the advantage of steel knives, guns, wool blankets, iron pots, and, yes, cotton underwear in place of buckskin. They adopted these tools. Eventually, they learned to make many of these things for themselves, for instance, Navajo blankets, silversmithing, sheep herding, horse herding and breeding. The list goes on and today they drive pickup trucks.

Native Americans who resisted some aspects of change weren't victims. They were heroes like the Spartans at Thermopylae. The Santa

Fe Trail disrupted cultures. It led Native Americans to over-hunt the buffalo in order to trade for goods they wanted at Bent's Fort. The Jicarilla had supplied the Mexicans with kitchenware in the form of micaceous pots and baskets. Iron pots coming over the trail disrupted this trade. Change is inevitable. We need to learn new tools to put in our cultural toolbox and we can't do that while thinking of ourselves as victims.

### Blast From the Past

Walter Noble Burns, *Tombstone, An Iliad of the Southwest*, is an interesting writer. He wrote well and is the source of many of the Cochise County stories that everyone seems to accept while being unaware of the source. He wrote an historical novel, but his research was better than many historians of the time. Unfortunately, he had access to the “old timers” many of whom had no real knowledge of events, and he lacked access to many of the better sources we can approach today. He often provides material that can be verified, and at other times, he goes completely off the rails into the realm of high fantasy.

His Van Wyck Coster is probably Freeman T. Cosper. He doesn't seem to be the demon Burns described and Willcox has forgotten him.

He wrote the following about Coster:

Then there was Van Wyck Coster at Willcox. Slaughter gathered much evidence against Coster, who was a business man of comfortable means and good reputation among unsuspecting citizen. Slaughter's evidence was enough, it was said, to send any ordinary person to the penitentiary. But Slaughter had had enough of courts and juries. His experience in the Soto case had taught

him a lesson. He would take no more chances on a corrupt or misguided verdict. Then, why put the country to the unnecessary expense of a trial? Having tried and convicted Van Wyck Coster in his own mind, Slaughter rode over to Willcox to pass sentence.

“But, what the hell?” said Coster. “You can’t run me out of this country.” I’ve done nothing.”

“I’ll run you out or kill you,” replied Slaughter. “I’ve got the goods on you and have had ‘em for a long time.”

Coster wriggled and squirmed. When Slaughter went into precise details concerning a number of crimes, Coster ceased to argue. It was exile or death - he had his choice. He wound up his business and departed.

The only reference I could find for Coster was the *Star* article below which doesn’t give a first name. The time frame is right, and the road ran from Willcox to Globe, an odd connection. And then I saw the last paragraph. He left his wife and child in Willcox.

“Murdered by an Indian,” *Arizona Daily Star*, 13 February 1889.

The fancied security from Indian depredation in which the people of this section rested has been rudely dispelled by a most revolting murder of a white man by an inhuman red brute.

Shortly after 8 o’clock last night three teamsters, R.A. Smith, J.H. Marvin and J.D. Smithson, who had left Globe in the afternoon, returned bringing the startling news of the killing of a teamster named

Coster by an Indian. The facts as learned are as follows:

About sundown an eight coke outfit en route to Globe, were stoling along the road three miles west of Gibson’s Wells, and nine miles east of Globe, two Indians, one on foot and one riding a fat sorrel mare, who had been hovering about the teams nearly all day, approached Coster’s wagons, which were about the middle ones of the outfits, and the Indians riding, without the slightest warning, and when within fifteen feet of Coster, raised his rifle and fired, the ball striking Coster in the back and passing through the body, killing him almost instantly. Simultaneously with the shooting the Indian on foot ran up and snatched a rifle from the holster hanging on the footboard of Coster’s wagon and both Indians then fled, going north. The seven teamsters with Coster were so completely taken by surprise that they allowed the Indians to escape, without attempting pursuit, although two shots were fired after them.

Smith, Marvin and Smithson were several hundred yards distant from the scene of the murder when it occurred, near enough to distinctly hear the shots. When they arrived on the ground they viewed Coster’s body and conversed with his companions. They assert that there was no provocation whatever for the deed, and it is the general belief that they killed Coster solely for the purpose of securing his gun. Coster was from Texas and had a wife and child at Wilcox, Ariz.

Justice Atkins, acting Coroner, Deputy Sheriff Ryan and a number of Globe men left late last night for the scene of the murder to hold an inquest. Coster’s body will be brought to Globe to-day. - Globe Belt.

*In Tombstone, An Iliad of the Southwest, Walter Noble Burns says that Sheriff John Slaughter ran Van Wyck Coster out of town.*

*It's also interesting because this was several years after the Chiricahua were deported to Florida. Arizona was still wild and dangerous. I suspect Coster had done something to the Apache and he was the target. That would make sense if he was the badman Slaughter ran out of town.*

“Graham County,” *Arizona Weekly Citizen*, 20 April 1889.

On his return home Mr. Hereford met Lieut. Watson at Bowie station who had been to Fort Bowie. It was learned from Lieut. Watson [that] the two Indians, who killed the teamster Cosper on the old Globe road five or six weeks ago, had been run down and one of them killed and the other captured. This was a cold-blooded murder, Cosper being shot from his wagon for no other purpose than a desire on the part of the Indians to get his gun.

*Even in the 1880s, there were easier ways to get a gun. Far from Hollywood legend, Indians were allowed guns for hunting. the peace and received a wagonload of supplies every six months.*

### 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 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**

From February 7 to 11, Doug & Debbie Hocking froze and got wet raising money for the Tubac Presidio at the Tubac Festival of the Arts.



Doug spoke on Southwest Train Robberies at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum. We played to a packed house, and they were very appreciative.



The Bisbee Trail Ride was a great success, and everyone had a great time. In attendance were Bob Spahle & Bob Block, the Three Debbies, Karen, Gary Smith and Gary Seiss. We went on the tour of the Copper Queen Mine and learned that Bisbee had over 5,000 of railroad track without a single train robbery.



We had pizza at the Screaming Banshee and pressed on to the Copper Queen Hotel. Where we learned that famed prostitute and





ghost in residence, Julie Lowell, was actually a character in Murder Mystery Weekend.

Main Street in Bisbee had a terrible fire (again! Remember 1908?). Two buildings burned but about 15 businesses are shut down for the foreseeable future and access is restricted.



The folks at the Grand Hotel were kind enough to show us some of their marvelous, themed rooms like the Chinese Wedding Suite.



On Saturday, February 10, winter lasted most of the day.



The Tellez Shrine on Johnny Ward’s Ranch south of Patagonia has had extensive additions and renovations.



On February 25, Doug and Debbie visited the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum on Toole in Tucson and spoke of “Train Robberies on the Southern Corridor” to a very enthusiastic crowd.



On March 4, Doug and Debbie visited the La Frontera Corral in Green Valley where Doug spoke on the history of the Jicarilla Apache. We try to share speakers back and forth with



our sister Corrals in Arizona and New Mexico.



On March 5, Doug and Debbie were at the Sierra Vista Library giving a presentation on the History of the Jicarilla Apache.



On March 8 the Corral hosted the Tombstone Festival of Western Books.



Mayor Dusty Escapule opened the ball. Wyatt Earp was there.



Faro Phil was there and taught folks the game.



Geronimo had fun. Seems he likes children. I should explain. He is the great grandson of the well-known Geronimo, and his wife is an author. Wyatt Earp is the great grandnephew of the marshal, and his wife is an author.

Lots of folks helped out – Bob, Gary, Fred, Jean, Liz, Heather, Debbie, Ruth, George, & Debora, just to name a few.



On March 9 & 10, Debora, Debbie, & Doug were at the Tucson Festival of Books.



Many of these folks were also at the Tombstone Festival of Western Books. Here's Bob Yoho (who hails from the Hocking Valley in Ohio) and Joe Brown, Sheriff of the Albuquerque Corral.

Saturday night, March 9, we were invited to the *True West* Magazine presentation of the True Westerner Award. It went to the new owner of Old Tucson Studio.

Old Tucson now has a musical interpretation of the life of Billy the Kid. In the photo, I think Billy was singing "I'll Kill Them All!"

*Everything from Hollywood is trivial.*



**Hollywood Trivia**

**Cruel Deaths in Westerns**

Source: Famous People YouTube  
Cruel? More like Memorable.

Slim Pickens as Sheriff Colin Baker in *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid* mortally wounded waits to die alongside a river.

John Wayne as Wil Andersen in *The Cowboys* shot multiple times by Bruce Dern who never lived it down having shot Wayne in arms, legs, and gut. I still hate Dern. He even has his own cuss word – dern him!

Jennifer Jason Leigh as Daisy Domergue in *The Hateful Eight*. I only watched this movie to the end to find out how much more gore they could pile on her. She was hanged, shot, and had a limb amputated.

Burt Lancaster as Joe Erin in *Vera Cruz* was shot by Gary Cooper.



Christian Bale as Dan Evans in *3:10 to Yuma*. After beating the odds to get Wade, Russell Crowe, to the train he's shot in the back by Wade's gang. Wade then shoots down the gang and hops back on the train sending himself to prison.

Gregory Peck as Jimmy Ringo in *The Gunfighter*. Ringo finishes up his business in town against all odds, and is leaving, when he is shot in the back by the kid he had spared who is out to make a reputation. Ringo figures he has made his reputation and now must suffer the same kind of death as Jimmy.

Chuck Connors as Buck Hannassey in *The Big Country*. Buck cheats in a duel with Gregory Peck and is then shot to death by his own father, Burl Ives. What a sniveling coward Buck is.

Henry Fonda as Frank in *Once Upon a Time in the West*. He's shot by Harmonica, played by Charles Bronson, and dies ever so slowly after Bronson shoves the harmonica in his mouth. It sounds one final, mournful note.

Jeremy Irons as Randall Bragg in *Appaloosa*. Two lawmen shoot each other over a girl and the winner dumps her.

John Wayne as J.B. Books in *The Shootist*. Books dies in a shoot out in a saloon against three assailants. After killing all three, he is shot in the back by the bartender. Opie gets Wayne's gun and shoots the bartender to Books's approval.

**Poetry Corner**

**Santa Fe Ghosts**

By Inez Ross

*Away to Santa Fe: A Collection of Santa Fe Trail Poems*, Santa Fe: New Mexico State Library, 2021

Late at night when the moon has set  
And the Plaza shops are all locked,  
If you stand on the street named Santa Fe  
Trail

You may hear the strange clippity-clop

Of a horse that is galloping up the hill  
Pounding along the street  
Following the tracks to Old Missouri  
Where Trail and river meet

They say it's the ghost of Francis X. Aubry  
Riding to win a bet  
Of a six-day ten-thousand dollar ride  
And a new record to set

He won the bet with hours to spare  
And rode the Trail again  
And lost his life in a Plaza fight  
And departed the world of men

And now his spirit continues to ride  
Listen! You cannot fail  
To hear the sound of Aubry's horse  
On the enchanted Santa Fe Trail

*Between September 12 and 17, 1848, the "Skimmer of the Plains" rode from Santa Fe to Independence, Missouri, in an astonishing five days, 16 hours covering over 600 miles. On August 18, 1854, at the La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, he encountered newspaper editor, Major Richard H. Weightman, who had disparaged some of Aubry's feats in his journal. FX drew a revolver and Weightman fatally stabbed him. He blazed new and better routes and was one of the most successful wagon masters who ever lived.*

**Coming Events – Telegrapher  
Deborah Lawson**

**March**

March 13-16, **Gathering of Southern Trails Chapter**, Oregon-California Trails Association, El Paso. March 15. 10 a.m.



Doug speaks: *Escape from Mesilla: the Confederate Invasion*

March 20, 11 a.m. Doug Hocking **Workin' on the Railroad**, Huachuca City Library

[Friday, March 22, 10 am-12 pm](#) **Santa Cruz River History Tour**, Presidio San Augustin, Tucson \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members includes entry into Mission Garden

March 23, 10am – 1 pm **The Science of History Family Funday**, Fort Lowell, Tucson

March 25, 10 to noon **Fort Lowell Neighborhood Walking Tour**, Tucson \$20/member, \$30/non-member

#### April

April 5-6 **Tombstone Rose Festival**

April 8, 9:30 to 11:30 **Fort Lowell Neighborhood Walking Tour**, Tucson \$20/member, \$30/non-member

April 8 Doug Hocking, **Incident at Apache Pass 1861**, Flagstaff Corral

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

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

[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 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:

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## 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)

## Last Campfire & YouTube

February Campfire with Mark Santiago talking about *Labyrinth of Blood: Apaches and the Spanish Empire* is available on YouTube. It looks great  
<https://youtu.be/k94NRm8Y3Ms?si=cgBeJleAzdcKhv1>

March Campfire with Janet Sands talk on - *Hidden Heroes of Western History* will be available soon. It was a great talk about Estaban, the first “European” to visit Arizona, and George McJunkin, who rewrote prehistory with his discoveries.



Sheriff Doug Hocking is on the January 29, Episode 141, podcast of History Hits, American History. This is a top-notch subscription site. You can listen at  
<https://shows.acast.com/american-history-hit/episodes/the-apache-wars>

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

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

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=IwAR>

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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

## Tombstone Epitaph & Arizonian

*Copies of the Epitaph are not always available. Fortunately, newspapers copied stories from one another the way they do with AP and UPI today. The story here is from the Epitaph.*

"Not the Train Robbers," *St. Johns Herald*, 20 September 1888.

The sensational report in our morning contemporary to the effect that Federico and Geronimo the Nogales train robbers and murderers had been arrested by Sheriff Slaughter, was a glaring mistake, and one hardly to be expected from a source usually correct in its news. The parties arrested yesterday afternoon by the Sheriff and Deputy Alvoid, [sic] near Contention, are two Mexicans supposed to have committed the Vulture murder, on the road between the mine of that name and Phoenix, and who when followed by Deputy Sheriff Murphy, of Maricopa, successfully stood him off, and while he awaited reinforcements [sic] escaped. About ten days or two weeks before the murder referred to occurred, Sheriff Slaughter met three Mexicans on the San Pedro, near Van Alstines, and as is his custom examined them so as to remember their appearance. When Supt. Gribble and his companions were murdered a description of the supposed murderers was forwarded to the sheriff here, also a photograph of the one who had the bullion and was killed while resisting arrest. The picture Mr. Slaughter recognized as being that of one of the three men he met at Val Alstines, and the description received tallied with the appearance of the other two. Since that time, he has kept a sharp lookout for them, believing that they would sooner or later come this way, and the result is that they are now incarcerated awaiting the arrival of the sheriff of Maricopa to identify them.

When arrested they gave their names as Ramon Satello and Monreal, but on the prison register wrote them Angel de Nara and Narbor Escalante. Ramon also said at that time, “What are we arrested for? Is it the Vulture murder; it must be as we have been suspected before,” They claim to have come from Santa Ana, near where Charley Jones was murdered, and one of them had quite a sum of money in gold and a fine gold watch concealed upon his person, it is not improbable that they know something concerning that deed. Parties who knows Jones’ watch have been sent for and if they identify it, it will be strong evidence against them, - *Epitaph.*

*If you watched the TV show Tombstone Territory, you might recall the episode where Geronimo, the Apache, was hiding from the U.S. Cavalry in a pool hall in Tombstone playing pool, smoking a stogie, with Angie Dickinson on his arm when the sheriff gave chase. The story was almost correct. Geronimo the train robber and Federico were the men the sheriff was after for the Agua Zarca train robbery.*

**Places to Visit**

**Pleasant Valley, Arizona** *Home of the Pleasant Valley War.*

One thing you can say for sure about Young, Arizona, “You don’t get there by accident.” Any way you go, through Globe or Payson, you’ll spend 40 miles and much of the day on dirt roads. They’re dirt, but they’re well maintained. The scenery is spectacular, and you might even spot the elusive crested saguaro!

Young is in the heart of Pleasant Valley, home of the Pleasant Valley War which lasted from the 1880s until after the turn of the century depending on which bodies you



attribute to the war. Most writers claim any dead body that showed up in Yavapai or Maricopa counties as victims whether they’d ever met the Grahams or Tewksburys.



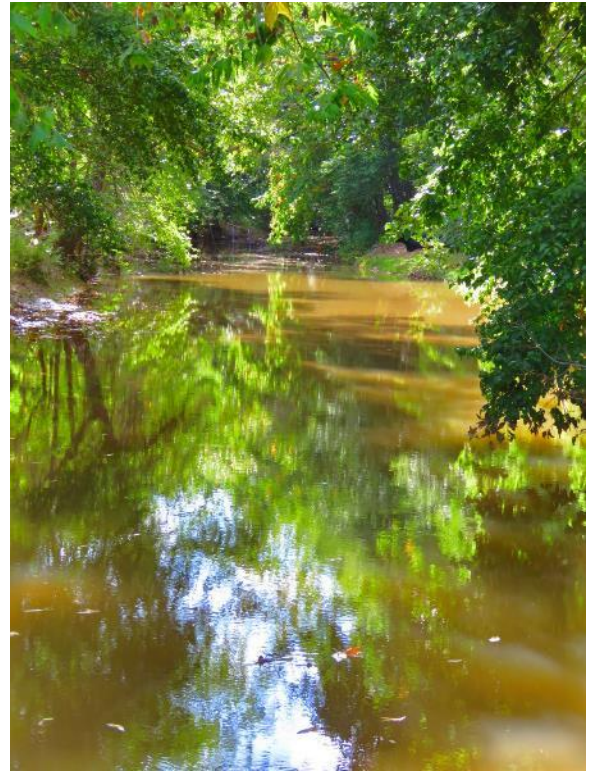
Some claim that it was a fight between cattlemen and sheep herders who brought sheep into cattle country. Maybe. Seems like every time the Grahams and Tewksburys got together for a rodeo or a picnic or a friendly talk, they went to shooting each other.



It's hard to say who else might have been involved. Sheriff Commodore Perry Owens of the waist-length hair went to serve a warrant on an unrelated matter. They started shooting and he returned fire killing four then hightailed it out of town before their relatives could arrive. But that was up over the Rim, not in Young.



Say what you might, it's still a pleasant valley.



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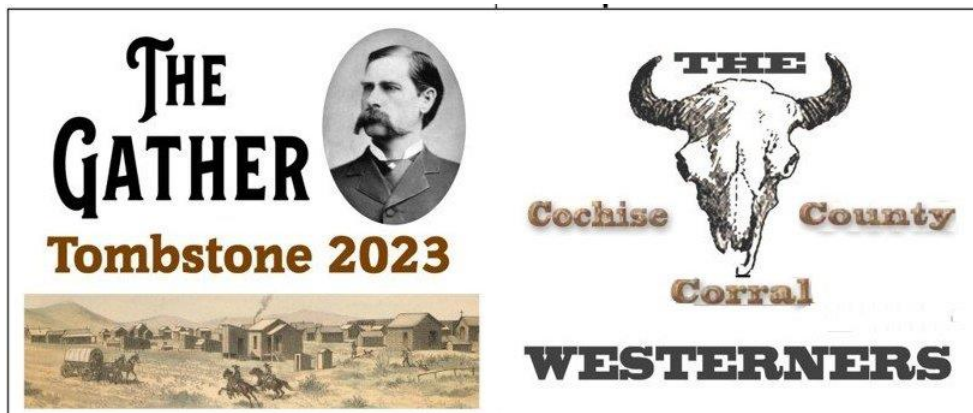
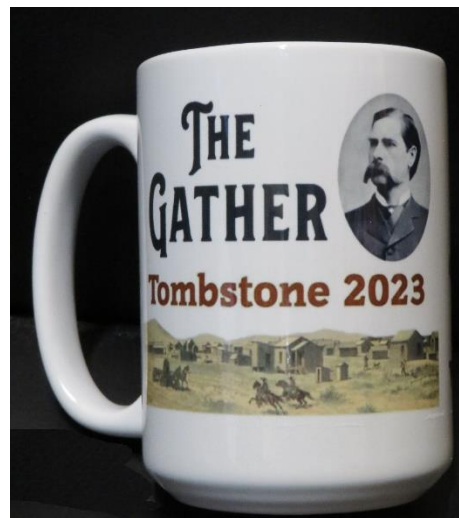
### General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins

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 Commemorative Mug Only \$12





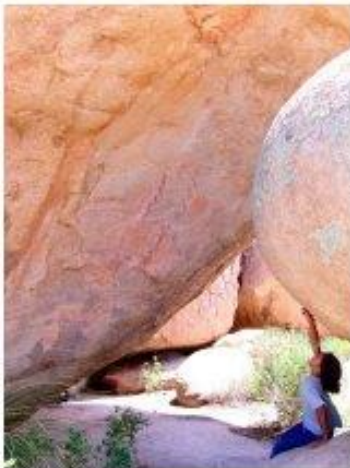


# COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS Trail Ride



## Saturday, April 6 Council Rocks

**Jeffords, OO Howard & Cochise  
Talked peace in 1872  
Tribal Council Site  
Petroglyph Site  
Whitehouse Ruin**



18 miles on "good" "maintained dirt road  
1/2 mile "easy" hike in and out  
"Easy" stairway climb to petroglyphs  
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**Strong shoes, water, hat, Picnic Lunch  
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- 0830 - Breakfast at Longhorn**
- 1000 - Depart Schieffelin Hall**
- 1230 - Picnic Lunch at Petroglyphs**





**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**  
**April 4th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall** **FREE**

Presenter:  
**Dawn Moore Santiago**



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Estevan Ochoa played an integral role in the development of Territorial New Mexico and Arizona. He interacted with such historical figures as Mangas Coloradas, Cochise, Bishop Salpointe, Governor Safford and many more. Learn all about him during this fascinating presentation by historical publications editor and lecturer Dawn Santiago.

*See You at Schieffelin Hall*  
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 Join a Renowned Corral winner of Heads Up Award  
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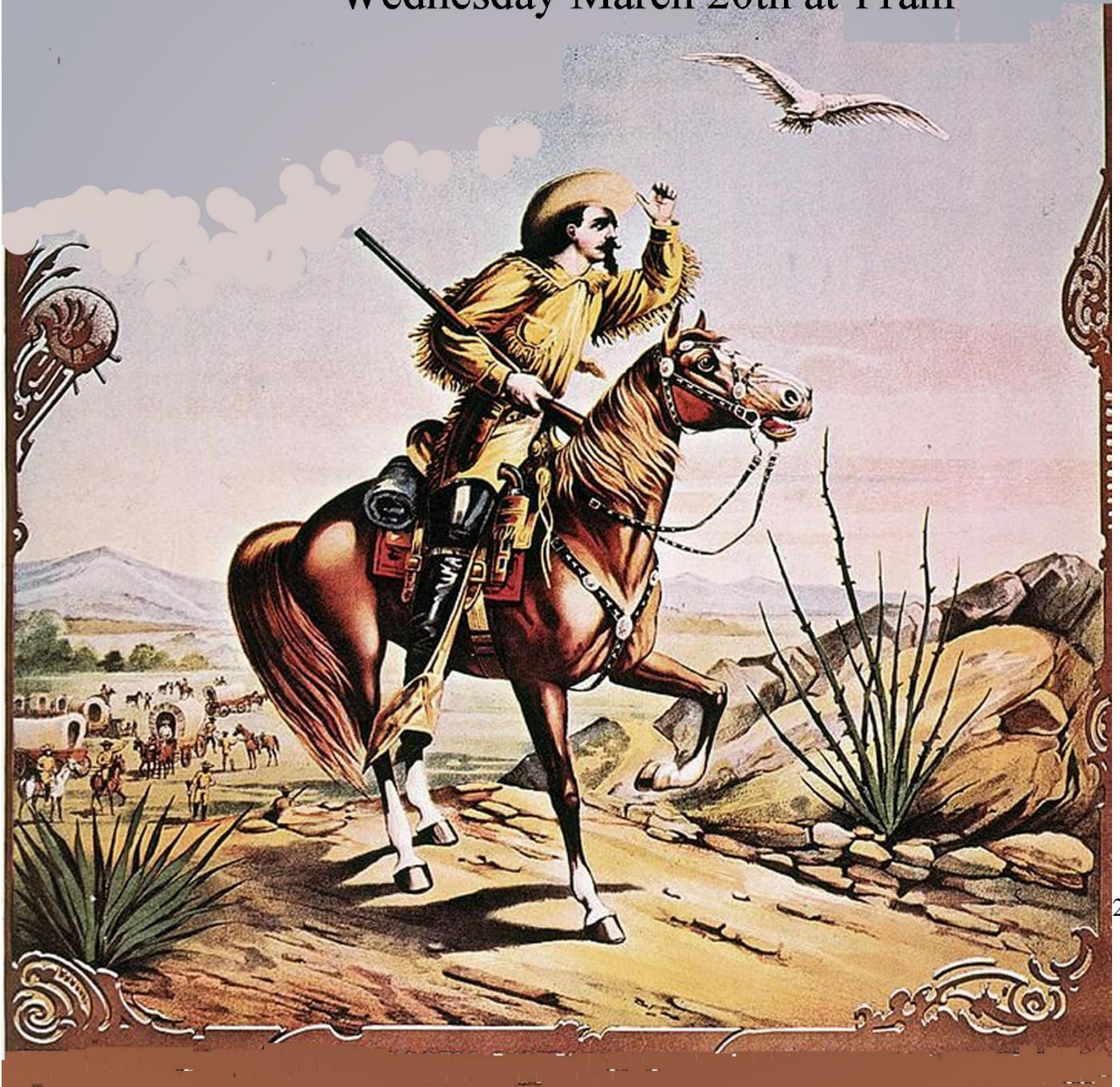




# Award Winning Speaker & Author *Doug Hocking*

## Southwest Train Robberies Spotlight on Speakers - Huachuca City Library

Wednesday March 20th at 11am





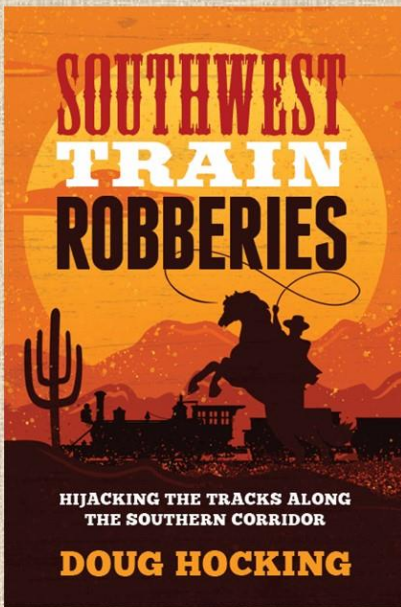


## SPOTLIGHT ON SPEAKERS

Wednesday March 20, 2024 @ 11am

Huachuca City Activity Center

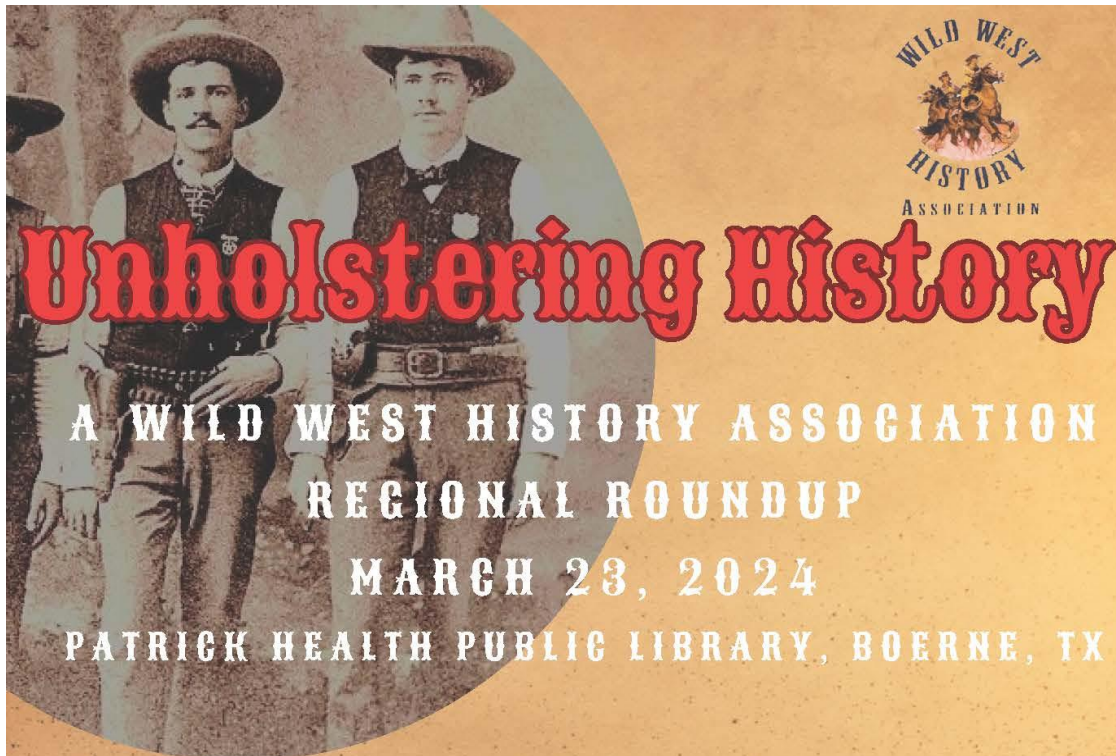
Presenting award winning speaker and author  
**Doug Hocking**



Award-winning author Doug Hocking, a historian, and former Armored Cavalry member, explores the riveting history of train heists in the Southwest, particularly Cochise County's 14 out of 16 robberies. Discover legendary outlaws, buried treasures, and the daring escapades of Sheriff Texas John Slaughter and an outlaw turned Arizona Ranger. With eight acclaimed books, Hocking's works have garnered seven prestigious awards.

For more information please call the Huachuca City Library : 520-456-1063





11:30 a.m.: Box Lunch (free for WWHA members; \$10 for non-members)

12:30 p.m.: Fred Dodge Gallery Exhibit Ribbon Cutting

1:00 p.m.: Samuel Colt and the Evolution of Today's Revolver, Frank Graves

2:00 p.m.: Latin Colony Settler Ernst Kapp and the Sisterdale Revolver, Kurt House

3:00 p.m.: Detective Fred Dodge and his Wells Fargo Shotgun, Ron Woggon & Jean Smith

4:00 p.m.: Field Trip to Boerne Cemetery

6:00 p.m.: Gather at Hill Country Watering Hole (TBD)

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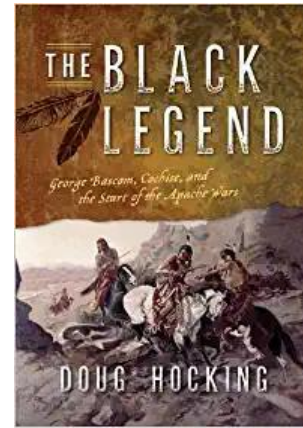
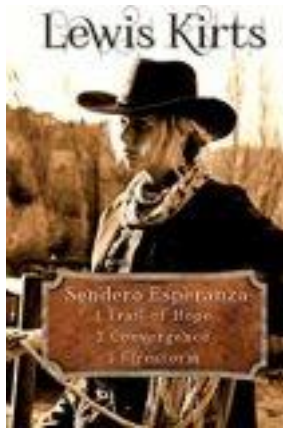
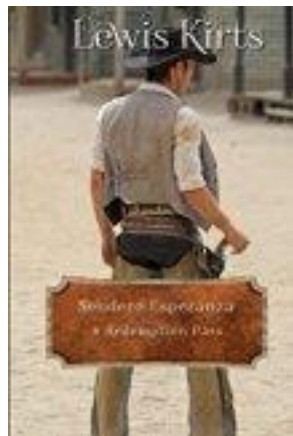
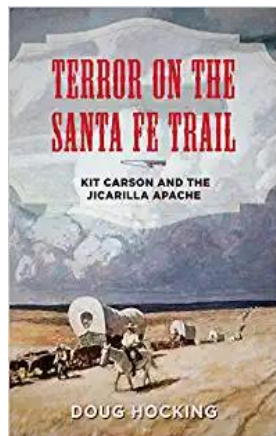
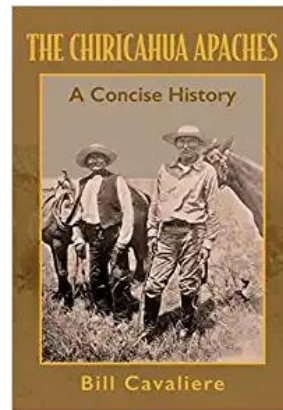
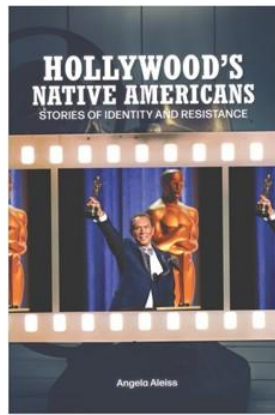
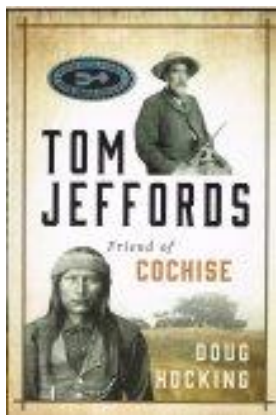
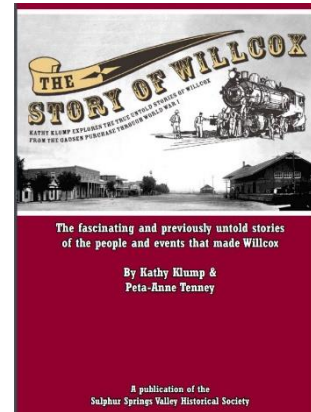
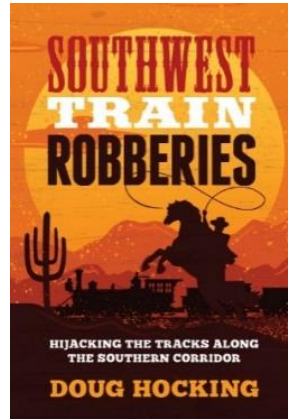
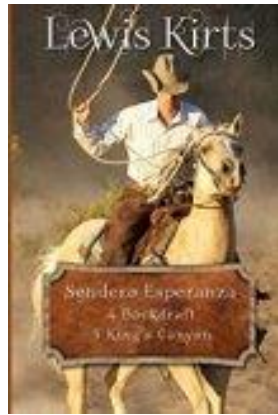
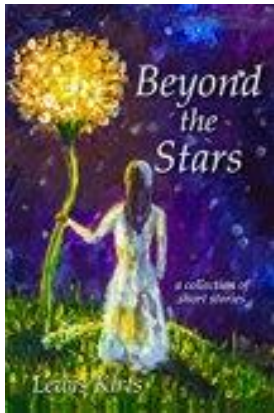
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Membership Form October 2021



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*Membership only \$20 per year*

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

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Corral - Membership **Only \$20** –  
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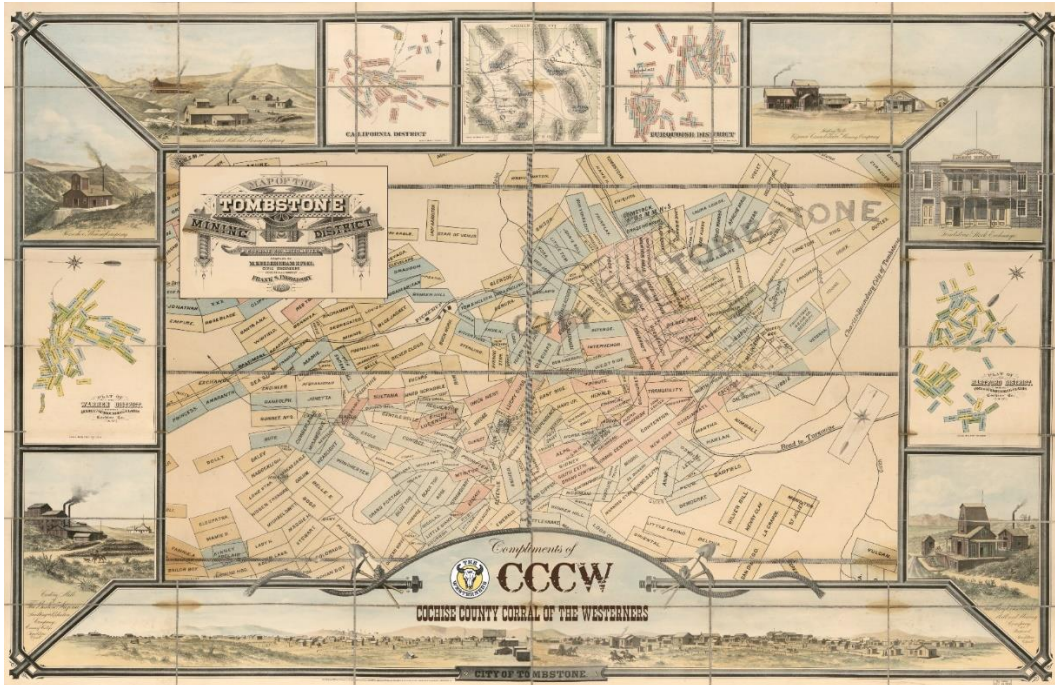
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