

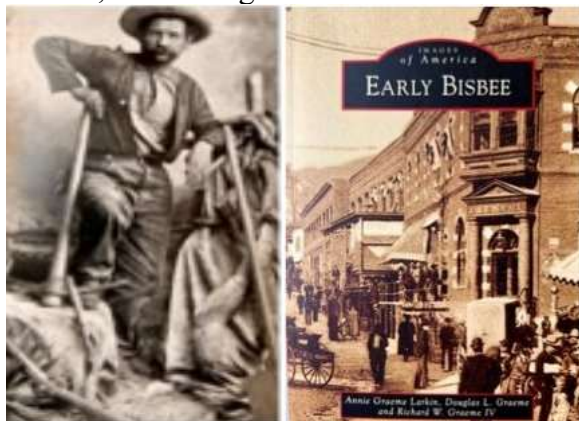
FREMONT STREET MAIL



October 7, 2025

Roundup Foreman's Trumpet **Gary Smith**

November 6, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall, Annie Graeme Larkin and Richard Larkin will present "The History of Early Bisbee." "On the yellowed, brittle paper of the 1854 map sketched for the Gadsden Purchase, the area that would become Bisbee was blank . . . the news reached prospectors of the ores hidden in the Mule Mountains . . . And so, Bisbee begins . . ."



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.

December 4 – Holiday Celebration an evening of fun, music, cowboy poetry, storytelling and home-baked goodies.

2026

The Roundup Foreman is putting together the 2026 schedule. "Folks: If you have an idea for a speaker, get in touch with me at: Gary Smith garvs30@yahoo.com

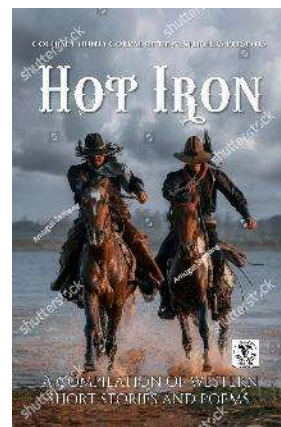
Recorder of Marks & Brands **Jean Smith**

2026 Dues Are Due!

Dues are \$20. Make check out to Cochise County Corral of the Westerners. The Membership form is the last page of *Fremont Street Mail*. Send checks to PO Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

It would be really nice if all dues were in by the December Campfire of the Corral.

Hot Iron Available on Amazon



Hot Iron is available on Amazon for \$16. We'll have copies available at the November Campfire and contributing authors can get as many as they like for only \$10! Get yours in time for Christmas!

Tombstone Festival of Western Books

Anne Hillerman will be our **Guest Author**. Anne continues her father's series of mysteries involving Navajo Tribal police, Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito. These are currently running as a series on AMC under the name ***Dark Winds***.

Registration is open and the forms are available near the end of Fremont Street Mail and on our website. Write to InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org to have copies emailed to you.

Be sure to invite your favorite local author.

Carol Markstrom, Jan Cleere, Janelle Molony, Elizabeth Ajamie-Boyer, Mark Sankey and the Gang at Mescal, Thadd Turner, Matt Bernstein, Joe Brown, Melody Groves, Kellen Cutsforth, and Bill Markley have already signed up or let us know they're coming.

Speakers

The Sheriff's Posse voted to extend incentives to guest speakers. These include: dinner for two at the Longhorn, a Corral mug, and for those coming from a long distance an honorarium of up to \$100 and a night's stay at a Tombstone inn.

The bluegrass-western fusion band ***Permafrost Road*** will be playing at the Christmas Campfire. We'll be buying dinner for all five of them. (Hope they don't have the Prime Rib or Maine Lobster!)

Invite your friends

Last page of *Fremont Street Mail* has a membership application with address to send in dues. Invite your friends to attend and join. The address is:

Cochise County Corral Westerners
P.O. Box 393

Tombstone, AZ 85638

Keeper of the Chips Debora Lewis

Ranch Hands 65 with 56 active.

Checking	\$2955.80
Savings	\$1,021.54

September accounts will continue into October.

Website:

CochiseCountyCorral.org

As of October 1:

Visitors 2,048 125 in last 30 days

Social 1,126 36 in last 30 days

Trail Boss's Whip Bob Spahle

In January we'll go to Stein's Peak (that's pronounced steen's) Station on the Overland Mail Trail. It's on the Arizona-New Mexico border and is the best preserved of the Overland Mail Stations in New Mexico. We'll be going as guests of the New Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland Mail National Historic Trail Association.

The Overland Mail was the United States' first transcontinental mail service running 1,900 miles from St. Louis, MO, to San Francisco, CA, in a mere 25 days. The Celerity Wagon with canvas top and sides ran 24 hours per day at about 6 miles per hour stopping to change mules every 15 to 25 miles. It's an exciting piece of history and the scene of a number of exciting stories.



Let in the year, we'll travel to Camp Naco which is on the southern border and was home to Buffalo Soldiers during the Mexican Revolution.

The Trail Ride to Empire Ranch to **Empire Ranch for Movies Under the Stars** was a success. The movie *Monte Walsh* with Lee Marvin & Jack Palance was great. If you haven't seen the movie on the big screen under the stars, you're missing out. And popcorn and sodas were only \$1.

Sheriff's Star
Sheriff Liz Severn

Welcome to October already. Two meetings before Christmas, and at the next meeting, we vote on our 2026 officers. The nominations are:

- **Sheriff** – Liz Severn

- **Deputy Sheriff** – Chuck Smith (unconfirmed)
- **Recorder of Marks & Brands** – Jean Smith
- **Keeper of the Chips** – Debora Lewis
- **Corral Rep** – Debbie Hocking
- **Inkslinger** – Doug Hocking
- **Statutory Agent** – Doug Hocking
- **Round Up Foreman** – Gary Smith
- **Trail Boss** – Bob Spahle

The following are volunteer positions and are not voted on:

- **Bounty Trader** (Raffle) – Karen Pietsmeyer
- **Bartender** (Refreshments) – Donna Otto
- **Wrangler** (Audio/Visual, setup) – Fred Otto
- **Swampers** (Wrangler Assistants) – Doug Hocking, Gary Smith
- **Faro Dealer** – Empty (This is the library, which is kept in a cabinet in Scheiffelin Hall.)
- **Telegrapher/Printer's Devil**
 1. Does Facebook postings and shares
 2. Presents the coming events at meetings and keeps it current
 3. **Printer's Devil:**
 - a. Learns to update the website
 - b. Posts announcements in the *Fremont Street Mail*
 - c. Learns to edit the *Fremont Street Mail* and the *Border Vidette*
- **Faro Dealer** (Librarian)
 1. Gives book and journal reports at the general meeting
 2. Makes library materials available to Ranch Hands.

We would greatly appreciate anybody who would like to help with the above unfilled positions. And please feel free to "run against" any of the posts that are already filled. The Cochise County Corral is **your** Corral, too.

The new Corral book, *Hot Iron*, is not available on Amazon. A few will be available at the next meeting. *Hot Iron* costs \$16 per

book and supports the Corral, not the individual writers and poets. Last year's *Running Iron* poets won the Will Rogers Medallion Award for their submissions to the Corral book.

Because it's getting harder to find speakers for free, the officers authorized for Gary Smith, our Round Up Foreman ("speaker finder"), an automatic \$100 offer for each presenter who wants compensation. Thankfully, many are still free, but that's changing. Our guest speakers already receive a free meal for themselves and one guest, as well as a free motel room if needed.

Deep Thoughts on History **Doug Hocking**

In 1893, Frederick Jackson Turner first presented his thesis "The Significance of the Frontier in American History," outlining elements of the American identity and character and how the frontier was key in shaping American democracy. This influenced generations of American historians. He wrote that:

"Particularism was strongest in the colonies with no Indian frontier. This frontier stretched along the western border like a cord of union. The Indian was a common danger, demanding united action. . . The settlements from the sea to the mountains kept connection with the rear and had a certain solidarity. But the over-mountain men grew more and more independent. The East took a narrow view of American advance, and nearly lost these men. . . In the crucible of the frontier the immigrants were Americanized, liberated, and fused into a mixed race, English in neither nationality nor characteristics. . . The frontier individualism has from the beginning promoted democracy. .

. So long as free land exists, the opportunity for a competency exists, and economic power secures political power.

Turner's view of frontier includes two important elements. On the one hand, up until 1890, there was a real, physical frontier recognized by the government. It moved westward as land was "negotiated" by treaty from the American Indians. During the 1850s, it stood along the western boundary of Missouri and Arkansas. Beyond this line, white men were not supposed to settle and were only allowed to travel upon approved trails or under license from the government. The Mountain Men, for instance, were licensed to trade with the Indians, but broke the rules and hunted and trapped beaver instead.

The line was unfortunately porous as the government seldom had the courage to enforce it and men surged westward in search of minerals and game. Others came to settle and cultivate land they could not legally take title to as title still rested with the Indians.

The Overland Mail transcontinental mail service from 1858 to 1861 had 1900 miles of frontier to cross between Arkansas and California. California was in danger of becoming Turner's "over-mountain men" separated from the Union. California was in danger of becoming its own country as it nearly had under Mexican rule when it set up its own government not controlled by the City of Mexico. The Federal government had to establish a means of rapid communication in order to maintain control and respond to the needs of distant citizens. Between Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Fort Yuma, California was Indian Country without settlements except in a narrow band seldom wider than a ten-mile strip either side of the Rio Grande

and the settlement of Tubac and Tucson on the Santa Cruz River.

The Indian Frontier was sealed and closed by 1890. It no longer existed. The Indians were confined to reservations, the government held title to vacant land, and white men were everywhere.

It seems that Turner had a second sense of what was meant by Frontier. He wrote: "So long as free land exists, the opportunity for a competency exists, and economic power secures political power." There is a hint that this goes beyond just free land which was abundant for legal homesteading in Turner's time up through the 1930s. He noted that "economic power secures political power." As long as economic power remains free of governmental domination, American democracy and the American character can survive.

In September 1857, the U.S. Postmaster General agreed to a six-year contract for the Overland Mail Company to carry the mail from St. Louis and Memphis to San Francisco via the Ox-Bow Route that ran through Indian Country (modern Oklahoma), Texas, and Arizona, as the southern portion of New Mexico Territory, including the southern portion of modern Arizona, was known, to San Francisco. The company was to receive \$600,000 per annum. In March 1861, because the route ran through Confederate states, it was changed to the Central Route from San Francisco to Salt Lake City, and Denver and the compensation raised to \$1,000,000. The purpose of this expense was to keep the "over-mountain men" of California in the Union.

A southern route was desired as it would be an all-weather route not closed by winter snows. John Butterfield, president of the Overland Mail Company, bid on a route that

would have followed the Santa Fe Trail and gone westward from there. Postmaster General, Aaron Brown, was a Tennessean, and demanded a more southerly route and a link to Memphis.

The link between Fort Smith and Memphis was always a problem. Much of Arkansas was swamp with water too deep for wagons and too shallow for paddlewheel steamers.

Quote from Turner, Frederick Jackson. *The Frontier in American History*, New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1921, pp 32, 39, 48, 65, 67.

Mountain Man is capitalized here to denote a very specific era and particular set of men ranging West between 1822 and 1840 trapping beaver.

TOMBSTONE EPITAPH & ARIZONIAN

This month we go to the Prospector for a story. West Fuller was one of the Cowboys at the O.K. Corral who took off before the shooting started. He might have picked up Tom McLaury's pistol leading to speculation that Tom was unarmed. In 1889, he murdered his brother-in-law and to all appearances he was going to hang, but it never went to trial. Burt Alvord gave him cover. Years later, when Burt started robbing trains, Sheriff Slaughter said "he was never a regular, sworn deputy." Here the Sheriff Slaughter is saying the same thing in 1889 during the period some have claimed Burt was a deputy.

"A Dead Shot," *Tombstone Prospector*, 15 February 1889.

A Dead Shot!

West Fuller Kills His Brother-in-Law and Skips

A Drunken Row in Which an Unarmed Man is the Victim

Fuller Borrows a Pistol of a Deputy Sheriff to Commit the Crime

The Country Being Scoured for the Assassin, but Unsuccessfully Thus Far

The crack of a six-shooter, followed almost immediately afterward by a second report, rang out on the clear, crisp atmosphere last evening about ten o'clock in the neighborhood of the residence of Mayor Thomas. A representative of the Prospector was almost immediately afterward at the scene of the shooting which turned out to be in front of the house adjoining the corral, and but three doors east of Sheriff Slaughter's residence on Fremont street.

From one party who saw the flashes of the two shots fired, it would seem that the two men were standing just off the platform or porch in front of the house, which is a frame building of two rooms. The flashes came down the street or towards the City Hall, and a man was seen to run to First street and disappear in the hills south of town. On the porch where he had been dragged by his mother, lay Fortino, a brother of Fuller's wife, bleeding profusely from a bullet wound in the left side. The groans of the suffering man and the moanings of his aged mother was enough to melt a heart of stone.

There is a mystery connected with the affair which seems to be difficult to clear up. Deputy Sheriff Alvoid [Alvord], Fuller and two to three Mexicans were in the house having a good time generally. Alvoid was the only one having a pistol. The deceased went to go out of the door, and in doing so changed hats with one of the parties in the room. Fuller then seized the hat on Fortino's head, saying: "Let's change hats." Fortino objected, when

Fuller replied, "yes, you must," or words to that effect, and seized hold of his victim. It seems that at this time the row became general. Fuller got possession of Alvoid's pistol and following Fortino out of the door fired two shots at him, one of which took effect as above stated.

Fuller had been drinking heavily during the day and his wife, who was in the house at the time, had been trying to get him to bed prior to the shooting. Fortino was a hardworking man and had just come in town with wood from the Dragoon mountains. He was the sole support of the family, with whom Fuller spent most of the time. Alvoid became possessed with the pistol after the shooting and appeared inside of the house where the dying man lay on a cot. Another difficulty arose between one of the Mexicans and Alvoid, which caused the latter to pull his pistol. Mayor Thomas stepped in and stopped the row, after which the sheriff appeared on the scene with Deputy Cardigan, both armed with shotguns, and quieted the belligerents. Bob Hatch was the first officer on hand and set out with Ben Hyde to find Fuller. The sheriff and two deputies are also on the hunt. Dr. Dunn attend the wounded man but the fatal shot had done its work and the unfortunate man breathed his last at one o'clock this a.m.

Later

Some one of Fuller's friends in this city furnished him with a horse, and he was seen at Fairbank early this morning. Dispatches have been sent in all directions to intercept Fuller, and there is no doubt but that he will be captured before night.

The pistol with which the shooting was done is still in the possession of Fuller. Deputy Alvoid having secured another one after the

difficulty, with which he appeared on the scene the second time.

Tombstone Prospector, 15 February 1889

The inquest over the remains of Fortino was held yesterday before burial, and an adjournment followed until to-day when it was completed.

Several witnesses were examined, the testimony not differing materially from the account published in the *Prospector* yesterday, with the exception of that of Alvoid's, who swore that Fortino was pounding him with a loaded blacksnake whip before the shooting, knocking him down twice; that Fortino then assaulted Fuller with the whip and the latter shot him, Fuller having come in possession of the pistol by picking it up after he (Alvoid) had been knocked down and dropped it. That he came down town after the shooting, got another pistol from Fred Lockling and went back.

The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot fired from a gun in the hands of Fuller.

Also,

The *Prospector* is informed by Sheriff Slaughter that Alvoid [Alvord] was not in his employ as a deputy sheriff at the time the killing of Fortino took place, and that he had not at any time been a regular appointed deputy, except in special cases and for a short period.

Poetry Corner

Barnaby

By Bob Spahle

I was camping on the Mogollon
Just taking in the view

The air up there is mighty sweet
And air was royal blue

My puppy was sitting on my lap
To rise above the ground
When all of a sudden from just in back
We heard a snorting sound

Hush Puppy took off just like a shot
To investigate of course
She put her nose up in the air
And followed that snort to its source

Then she turned around and ran to me
As fast as those little legs could go
Cause not twenty feet away was a giant
animal
And he was puttin' on a show

You see standin' there so close to me
Was an elk of massive size
Rack so big make a hunter drool
Thinking of taking home that prize

There was something strange about that elk
For he seemed to show no fear
He munched that grass for over an hour
While I sat and sipped my beer

A passing stranger told me why
That elk was calm as calm could be
It was a bottle-fed orphan baby
And his name is Barnaby

You see a ranger found him all alone
When he was very young
He fed from a bottle and kept him at his home
But as that elk grew up you know
He had to set me free
The mountain was calling out to him
He knew what had to be
The ranger took him to the mountain
And let him go you see
So, don't shoot that friendly elk up there
His name is Barnaby

The Light Dragoon

**By Lieutenant L. P. Davidson
First U.S. Dragoons**

Good cheer, my steed!
Let thy headlong speed
Dash the dew from the prairie-grass.
Shrink not, my horse!
Let the hills fall back
As the ranks of our squadrons pass.

Then up, my gallant Steed!
The wild wind's speed
Is but slow to thy headlong flight;
And we'll rein up soon,
And the light dragoon
With his charger will sleep tonight.

At the fall of night,
In the gray twilight,
When I've combed thy tangled mane,
'Neath the light of the moon
Then the light dragoon
Will lie down by his steed again.

Then up, my gallant Steed!
The wild wind's speed
Is but slow to thy headlong flight;
And we'll rein up soon,
And the light dragoon
With his charger will sleep tonight.

When sleep is done,
And the rising sun
Shall have burnished thy glossy hair,
To horse again,
And we'll scout the plain
And we'll beat up the red man's lair.

Then up, my gallant Steed!
The wild wind's speed
Is but slow to thy headlong flight;
And we'll rein up soon,
And the light dragoon
With his charger will sleep tonight.

Where Horses Don't Buck

By Mark Finley

Ol' Jeb was a good man but I don't know why
He and horses never saw eye to eye.
No matter how gentle the horse was known
to be,
He'd buck Jeb off quick as one, two, three.
It all started when he was just about four
His Shetland pony bucked a hundred times or
more.

Now all his life no matter how hard he tried
Ever' horse he rode bucked sometime in the
ride.
Jeb worked on ranches all over the state,
But getting' bucked off seemed to be his fate.
He heard a horse trader had a gentle mare for
sale.
She was a beautiful bay with a long dark tail.

So said Honest Wilber, horse trader esquire
"This mare don't buck, go ahead and try her."
Then said as he climbed on his arena fence
perch,
"A little old lady only rode her to Sunday
church."
Needless to say, this one bucked worse of all
And sent Ol' Jeb into a three-point sprawl.

Bein' a Christian man, Jeb said, "Lord please
intercede
And find me a place where gentle horses are
guaranteed.
And please make it a place where I won't get
stuck
With a bunch of horses that just want to buck.
Lord, I'm livin' my life servin' you best I can
And I promise, I'll accept whatever's in your
plan."

The very next day Jeb got a job ridin' for the
double T.
He knew the horses wouldn't buck as God
heard his plea.

He started out first morning on an all-day ride
Up the hill to check the fence on the mountain
side.

Then the horse pitched him off a cliff two
hundred feet or so
And he landed in a big pile of boulders below.

As Jeb came to, he said, "Wow! What a fall,
But it's so strange, I don't hurt at all."
Then he saw a man with long white hair
Who said, "God heard and answered your
prayer.
Looks like, Jeb, you've had a change of luck.
Welcome to heaven where horses don't
buck!!"

Hollywood Trivia

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the craggy soaring
peaks of the Grand Teton Range (good
French name; it translates as Big Tits) lend an
eye-dazzling backdrop to movie makers who
film in and around the valley of Jackson Hole
located in northwest Wyoming. It's also the
gateway to mountain man rendezvous
country and Yellowstone National Park. The
classic *Shane* (1953) showcased the
landscape in all its panoramic glory. Jackson
Hole was also the background to Quentin
Tarantino's *Django Unchained* (2012).



Blast from the Past

*This "post" is something of a mystery not
showing up on most of the lists of military
installations. It's location may account for*

*the relative peace in 1860 of the area between
Mimbres Crossing and Stein's Peak Station.*

1st Lieutenant Geroge Howland to Acting
Assistant Adjutant General Santa Fe, August
16, 1859

I have indirectly heard today that the balance
of my Company property which [was] on
route for this place, had reached as far as
Cook Springs, was ordered back by express
on account of an order directing Company
"C" to be [placed] on detached service.

I would most respectfully state that I have
nearly completed stone stables for my horses.
My men are quite comfortable, and if I am to
remain here it will be necessary to have the
balance of the Company property. I have
provisions to last to January not with the
exception of fresh meat, and have made every
arrangement for the winter.

If I am not to remain here I most respectfully
request I may be informed of the fact, and I
will stop building.

And I would further state for the information
of the Colonel comdg, the Dept. that the place
selected is about 9 miles from Cow Spring
and on the direct route for the California mail.
There is an abundance of grass, wood &
water. A find spring about 15 feet in diameter
has been dug out and walled with fine stone.
The surplus water runs to about 300 yards to
a basin which is large enough to water all the
animals. The soil is such here that in time I
could find enough vegetables for the
command. Wood is plenty, the best of pine
limbs is only 12 miles from camp and lumber
can be obtained to almost any amount. I am
immediately in the midst of Indians. There
are many of them at my camp daily [who] are
pleased that I am here. They are glad that the
government takes such an interest in their
welfare. When they go below they ask my

permission. They are very peaceful. I have learned all their camping grounds, and I think that it is for the interest of the service that this place should not be abandoned. Much more I might say favorable to this solution but I do not, knowing that it is not long since the Colonel Comdg. was on the ground and knows most all the advantages.

Last Campfire & YouTube

On October 2, Father Greg Adolph spoke on the Manila Galleon and the importance from trade from the Philippines through Mexico to Europe. Mexican silver drove the Far East trade. You can see the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/B835aEaa438?si=DladAZ9WSAn5iT73>



The Little Ice Age ended in 1850 and we've been warming ever since. Cold periods throughout history have brought down empires. Climate change is real.

Big Trouble In The Little Ice Age

https://youtu.be/D0NJ_YX5fPs?si=YgjivJTJdNEX5poP

Visit out Web Site at
www.CochiseCountyCorral.org and out
 Facebook Page at
<https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral>

History of the Jicarilla Apache

<https://youtu.be/sfbXbnqmw0s>

Out & About

September 8 to 15 Ranch Hand Bill Cavaliere attended the convention of the Pioneer Society, formerly the Order of the Indian Wars, in Toledo, Ohio.

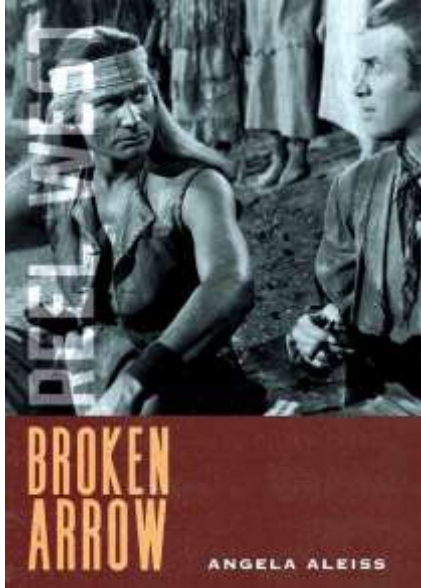
On September 20, Ranch Hand Craig McEwan spoke on the "History of the San Simon Wash," Geronimo Event Center, Rodeo, NM.

September 26 to 28, many Ranch Hands attended the Edgar Rice Burroughs Convention in Willcox. Never forget that he served at Fort Grant and was inspired to write *John Carter Warlord of Mars* by the local scene and the Apache. He is transported to Mars from a sacred Apache cave. He also wrote about *Tarzan* and novels inspired by the Apache Kid. On the 27th, they dedicated a monument to Edgar Rice Burroughs at the Willcox Historic Railroad Depot. One evening the Pre-code (R-rated) version of the movie *Tarzan and his Mate* was shown. Jane's nude swim was spectacular.



Ranch Hands Doug & Debbie Hocking, Bernd Brandt, and Kathy Klump where at the dedication of the Edgar Rice Burroughs Monument.

Broken Arrow by Angela Aleiss, former Ranch Hand, will be released by University of New Mexico Press on October 7, 2025. This is a study of the movie *Broken Arrow* starring Jimmy Stewart, a deep dive into the portrayal of Native Americans in the 1950 Delmer Daves film.



Phillip A. Danielson Award for Best Presentation or Program (award goes to the hosting corral or posse) **First Place** Cochise County Corral Sheriff, Liz Severn For presentation by Doug Hocking “Escape from Mesilla”

“Coke” Wood Award for Historical Monograph or Published Article First Place: First Place : Tie Doug Hocking, “The Bridge at Apache Pass” *Desert Tracks* Southern Trails Chapter, Oregon-California Trails Assoc., 2024 Cochise County Corral

“Coke” Wood Award for Historical Monograph or Published Article Second Place (tie) George Van Otten “The Indigenous Agriculture in Cochise County, Arizona” *Cochise County Historical Journal*, 2023 Cochise County Corral

I’m sorry we don’t have word on anyone else’s efforts. I presume you either haven’t bothered to tell us at InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org or that you were *Arizona Hibernating* hiding under cover from the sun. We use this column to track community outreach for reporting for the Heads Up Award. It really helps if you let us know what you’ve been up to.

Places to Visit

Prescott, Arizona. In 1864, in central Arizona, Prescott became Arizona’s first capital city. The capital moved to Tucson in



1867 and back to Prescott in 1877 where it stayed until Phoenix took control in 1889. It’s pronounced press-kit for reasons that go back to families on opposite sides in the Revolutionary War.

The Fremont House, home to Arizona’s 1877 governor, Pathfinder Charles Fremont, is located in the Sharlot Hall Museum, one of the finest collections in all Arizona.

Fort Whipple goes back to 1864 and also has a museum.

Downtown you'll find the courthouse, Bucky O'Neil statue, and the Hassayampa Inn. The Inn was built in the 1920s and is still absolutely spectacular.



Also, downtown you'll find famed Whiskey Row where Doc Holliday and the Earps once played a roll. The Palace Saloon and the Prescott Western Heritage Center are worth a visit. The Museum of Indigenous People is nearby. This museum once bore another name, now considered socially inappropriate. Nonetheless, the collection is renowned.

Moving out to the edge of town you'll pass through Granit Dells which is well worth a few photos and hours of exploration. Beyond the Dells is the Phippen Museum of Western Art.



Hassayampa Inn



Palace Saloon, Whiskey Row

Odd Bits
Recipe from the Trail
Debbie Hocking

Cow Camp Stew

From Debbie Hocking
 Via Desert Caballeros Western Museum
 Wickenburg

5 lbs.	Stew Meat
10	Potatoes
2 lg	Onions
2 lg cans	Tomatoes
Salt	
Pepper	
4 Tbs	Lard or bacon grease
½ cup	Flour

Cut up stew meat in small pieces and roll in flour to coat. Then brown in fat in a Dutch Oven until all is nicely seared. Add onions diced fine, and water to cover. Let simmer until almost done; give it an hour. Add potatoes cut up in chunks and the salt and pepper to taste. When done after about half an hour and meat is tender, add tomatoes and simmer 15 minutes more. Make this from any meat on hand and add corn, peas, or hominy, if available.

Coming Events

October

October 11-12, Patagonia Fall Fest,
 Patagonia

October 17-19, Helldorado Days

October 23-25, Anza 250, Tubac Presidio
 Park

**October 26-27, Tombstone Territorial
 Rendezvous** a Western symposium of
 Tombstone history.

November

November 1, **Cowboy Festival,** Empire
 Ranch

December

December 7, **Annual Christmas Banquet,**
Cochise County Historical Society,
 Gadsden Hotel, Douglas

December 13, 7 – 10 p.m. **Annual
 Tombstone Christmas Ball,** Schieffelin
 Hall, Tombstone

2026**February**

February 4 to 8, Tubac Festival of the Arts

March

**March 13, Tombstone Festival of Western
 Books,** Tombstone.

March 14-15, Tucson Festival of Books

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

I put this in here every month to let you know ways you can contribute to our publications. We really do want to display your work, your articles, your photos. These are your publications.

The following Departments of the *Fremont Street Mail* are open to your contributions.

We can stretch them or add to them if you have an idea:

Blast from the Past, old newspaper & diary articles.

Poetry Corner

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 Anything interesting
Tombstone Epitaph, an article from an historic Arizona newspaper

Places to Visit**Hollywood Trivia**

Out and About: If you did it, we only know about it if you tell us and send photos.

Photo Album**Local Events**Departments of the *Border Vidette*

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

Long Articles**Short Articles****Reviews & Book Reports****Recommended Books & Articles****Frontier Recipes**

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

We ask that material be in Word, Times New Roman, 12 pitch, without indentation, single space between paragraphs. Please do not embed photos in text. Photos should be jpgs. Do not send pdfs.

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>

Facebook: Cochise County Corral Deborah Lea is on board as Telegrapher but won't be able to do much for the next few months. She can post and highlight, share, and create events. If you want to know what's happening, the information is on our page.

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

It really helps the Corral if you share our Facebook and other social media postings. It helps to get the word out.



**64TH ANNUAL
TUBAC
FESTIVAL
OF THE ARTS**

February 8-12
Wednesday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm

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Artwork:
Dan & Joi LaChaussee (Yellow vase with flowers)
John Koch (Wood sculpture with vase)
Tony Duncan (World Champion Hoop Dancer)
Inka Gold (Musicians)

Actually the 67th Festival and February 4 to 8, but . . .

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

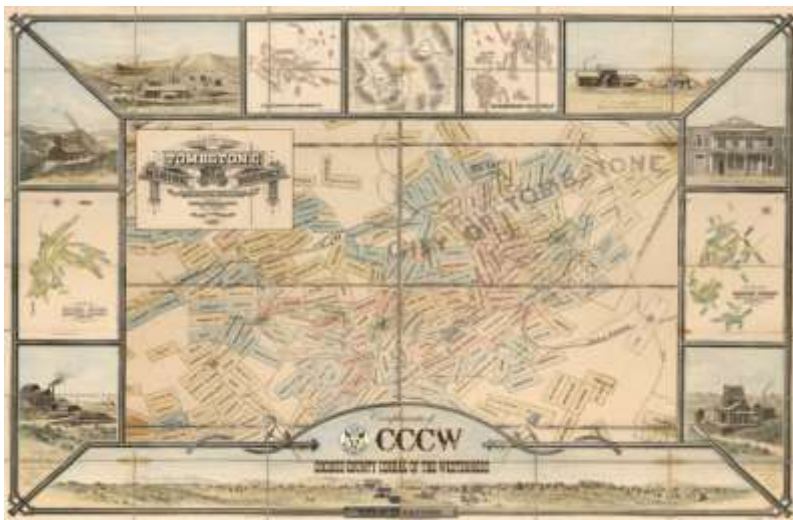


Kathy Klump of the Sulphur Springs Valley and Bill Cavaliere of the Cochise County Historical Societies had coins struck commemorating the General O.O. Howard – Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 on its sesquicentennial.

Coins are available for \$5

The Gather Commemorative Mug Only \$12

Map of the Tombstone Claims



And Surrounding Communities

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**The Cochise County
 Historical Society**

Since 1968, the Cochise County Historical Society has perpetuated the rich history of the southeastern corner of Arizona. Members receive two *Cochise County Historical Journals* each year and invitations to events, including the annual December banquet and history presentation.



Now, new members subscribing for two years will receive one of the two books of the late legendary Arizona game warden, Kim Murphy. His *Lost Trails of the Arizona Rangers* is a collection of fascinating long-ago stories from Murphy's days in wildlife law enforcement. His *The Devil Played Hell in*




Paradise chronicles numerous pioneers who settled in and around the Chiricahua Mountains.



Visit
www.cochisecountyhistoricalsociety.org
 to apply for membership (\$20/year)
 and tell us which book to send.

\$40 gets you one free book or
 join for four years (\$80)
 and get both books free!



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

December 4th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Holiday Celebration

An evening of fun, music, cowboy poetry, storytelling and home-baked goodies. Pre-meeting no-host dinner at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant. Look for the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners group. Guests and the public welcome.



See You at Schieffelin Hall
4th and Fremont in Tombstone

Regular meetings at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month
Join a Renowned Corral winner of Heads Up Award
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Pre-meeting dinner, 5:30 PM at the Longhorn Restaurant, 5th & Allen



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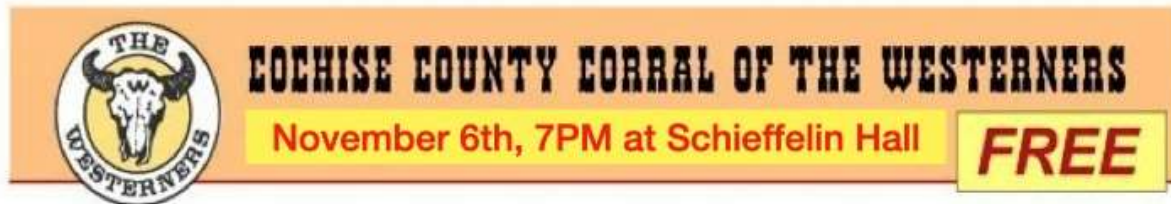
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- ★ Read the interesting *Border Vistas* and the *Fremont Street Mail*

For more information www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

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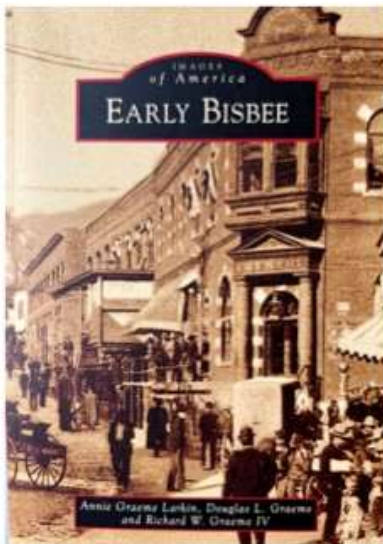
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Presenters:

**Annie Graeme Larkin
and Richard Graeme**

The History of Early Bisbee



"On the yellowed, brittle paper of the 1854 map sketched for the Gadsden Purchase, the area that would become Bisbee was blank...the news reached prospectors of the ores hidden in the Mule Mountains.....And so Bisbee begins...."



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**TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF
WESTERN BOOKS**

**Lucky
Thirteen**

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026
9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners
P.O. Box 393
Tombstone, AZ 85638

InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/books-%26-book-festival>

Frederic Remington

TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS

4TH ANNUAL – 2ND FRIDAY IN MARCH

DATE: Friday March 13, 2026, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Schieffelin Hall, 4th at Fremont, Tombstone, AZ

Showcasing authors and historical societies publishing works of Western and American Frontier history, historical fiction, novels of the West, biography, Native American, youth and children's books, and Western romance. Juried selection of authors will be announced by February 1, 2026, by the sponsors Cochise County Corral of the Westerners and Cochise County Historical Society.

Authors and organizations will be provided with 3.5 feet of table space for a **fee of \$30**. Fees will be used to cover expenses including advertising. Non-profit organizations as space allows are free.

Organizers will open the doors to Schieffelin Hall at 8 a.m. March 13 and close the building by 3:30 p.m. **Organizers will provide tables and chairs** although authors are invited to bring their own camp tables and chairs.

Responsibilities of the Author/Organization:

Applications – all applications must be completed & turned in to the **Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638** or emailed to inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org and prior to January 30, 2026. Applications will be juried and those selected will be notified by email on February 1, 2026. No refunds after February 15, 2026.

Transaction Privilege License (TPT) - All applicants except members of the Amigos & Ladies of the West must show a valid Arizona TPT license. Authors sharing a table & cash register may use the same TPT license.

Applicants agree to be set up by 9 a.m. on March 13, 2026, and to stay until 3:30 p.m. and must be out of the building by before 5 p.m. **Authors and exhibitors agree to arrive on time and remain until 3:30 p.m. so as not to disrupt others.** Professional behavior is expected.

Applicants are encouraged to bring table coverings and display stands for their books. Table assignments are the purview of the organizers but requests to share tables will be honored when possible.

Applicants must provide their own change fund and credit card reader (if used) and do their own filing.

Notification of Acceptance – Notice of acceptance will be provided by email on February 1, 2026.

Make checks of \$30 payable **Cochise County Corral of the Westerners** NLT January 30, 2026. _

Coffee and lunch will be provided in a small, authors-only socializing area.

No food or beverage will be brought into the main hall.

Tombstone Festival of Western Books

Friday, March 13, 2026

inkslinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org

Cochise County Corral

P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

Company/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

PREFER TO SHARE TABLE WITH: _____

Merchandise Sales Arizona TPT License No. _____ Non-Profit _____

Please provide a description of your publications, genre, etc.:

Please provide a brief bio (author) or mission of organization:

I agree to the terms of participation described. _____ Initials.

I agree to be set up by 9 a.m., out by 5 p.m., and to stay until at least 3:30 p.m. _____ Initials

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) “Sales Tax”

You don't need a city business license, but you do need a state TPT license number. It only costs **\$12**.

This is the place to go for information and to get the license.

<https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpt-license>

TPT License

Arizona transaction privilege tax (TPT), commonly referred to as sales tax, is a tax on vendors for the privilege of doing business in the state. Various business activities are subject to transaction privilege tax and must be licensed.

Even vendors who only do business for special events in Arizona are required to have a license. The state license fee remains \$12 no matter how many special events a vendor attends. However, a separate city license fee is required for each city unless a vendor is currently licensed for the city in which an event will be held. Authors doing book signings either work through a licensed book seller or “fly under the radar.” Shows draw notice and we have to have the list.

In-State Sellers

Any sales made to the state of Arizona, counties or other political subdivisions are taxable at the full rate.

AZTaxes.gov

This option enables businesses to register, file and pay TPT online (except for construction contractors).

Setup	Your	AZTaxes.gov	Account
This step-by-step guide will help you with new user registration and setting up your AZTaxes.gov account, CLICK HERE .			

The state has us report the tax in twice, once for county and once for city.

In 2025, the rate was as listed below. Ask for update!

Cochise County: County code is COH and the rate is 6.1%

Tombstone: City Code is TS and the rate is 3.5%.

(The total you will collect is 9.6%)

Deduction code for taxes collected is 551.

You don't charge TPT on wholesale sales to stores who will resell, but you need their TPT number.

There is a page for deductions that autofills the other pages in the electronic filing.

On the form TPT-2, if you sold \$100 worth of books, you'll collect \$109.60, and you'll fill in:

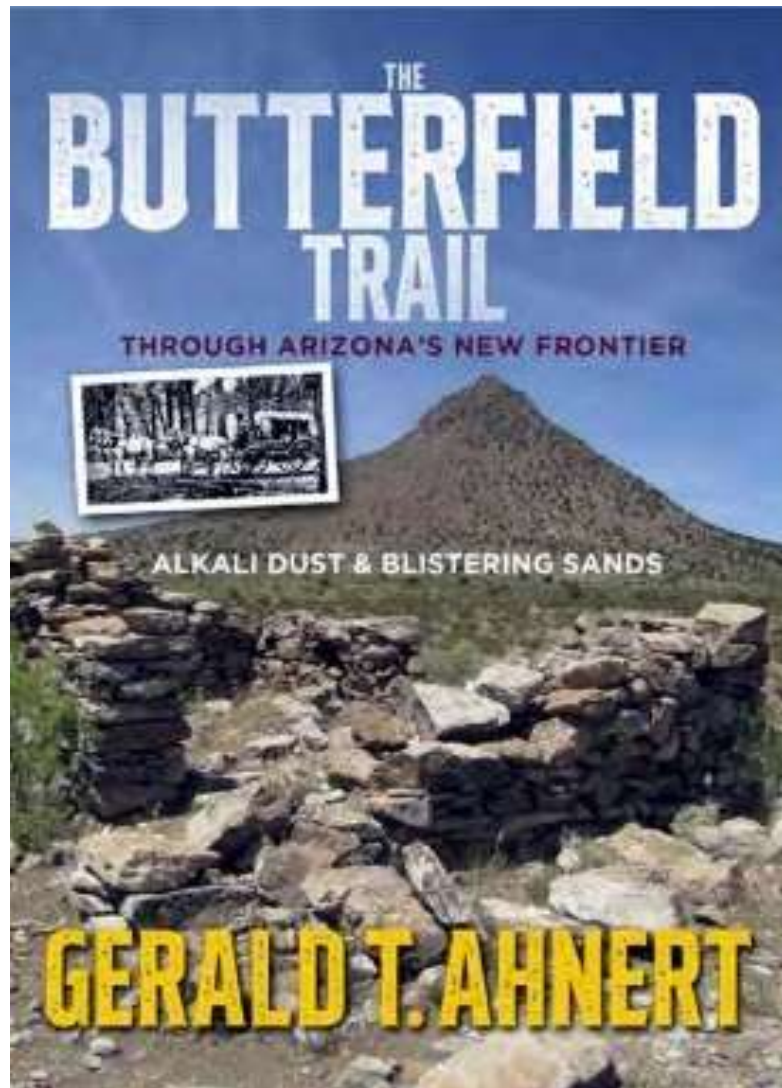
Loc Code	City Code	Bus Code	Description	Gross	Deductions	Taxable	Rate	Tax
COH		17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	6.1	\$6.10
	TS	17	Retail	109.60	\$9.6	\$100	3.5	\$3.50

Here's an announcement from the Tucson Festival of Books about TPT. The only difference is that we are in Tombstone (TS) and the city does not charge for a business license.

If you will be selling anything in your booth, make sure you have filed with the Arizona Department of Revenue for your privilege (sales) tax for the City of Tucson. Please use the regional code TU. Applications can be found at: <https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpv-license>

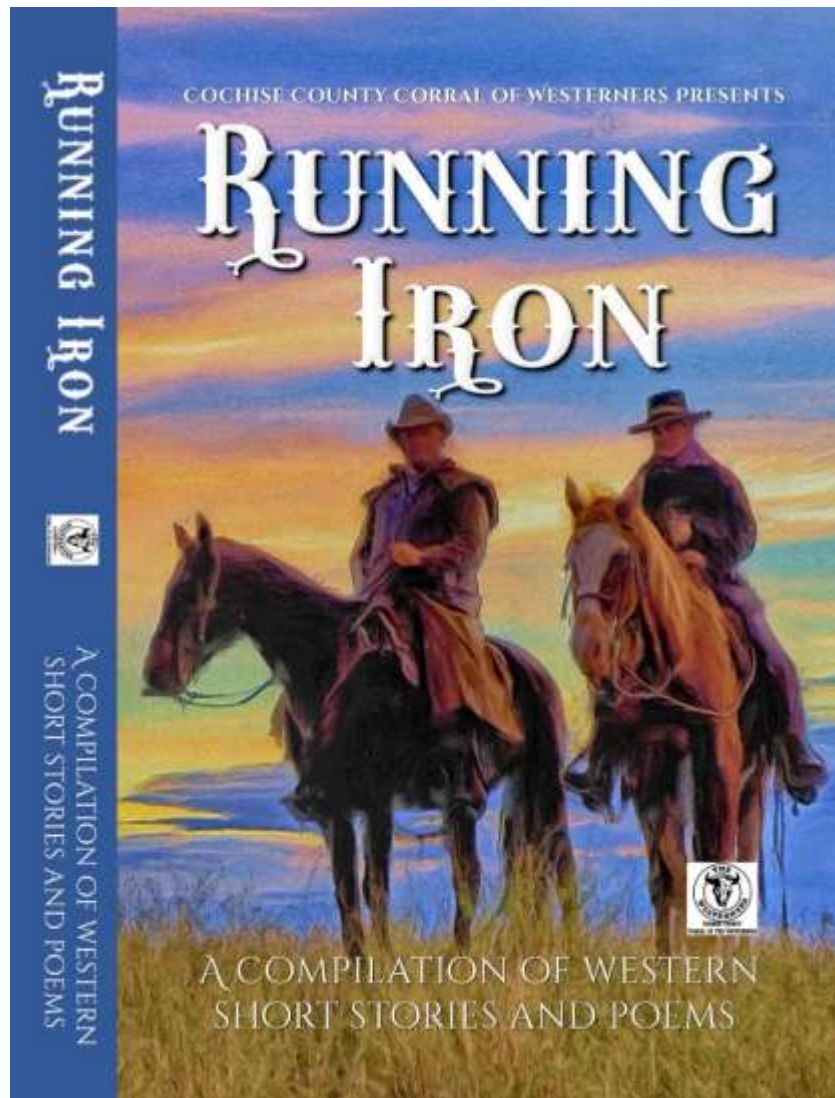
Some have been told by their "accountant" that they don't need a license because they have "too few sales." That's not what the tax code says. Those with few sales might "fly under the radar" and are in trouble if detected. As a show, we draw attention. We are required to keep a list of your TPT numbers. We cannot risk "flying under the radar." Some have said "but I'm from out of state." Great, you probably don't make enough in state to have to file income tax, but TPT is still required. Can you imagine the industry that would grow up along our state borders with commuters coming in to sell while not having to pay tax? If your "accountant" told you that you don't require a TPT number, fire him immediately and let him seek new employment. A village somewhere is missing its idiot.

Remember! After the show, either make the required filing or you get fined. Or if you aren't going to be selling anywhere else in Arizona, you can cancel the license.



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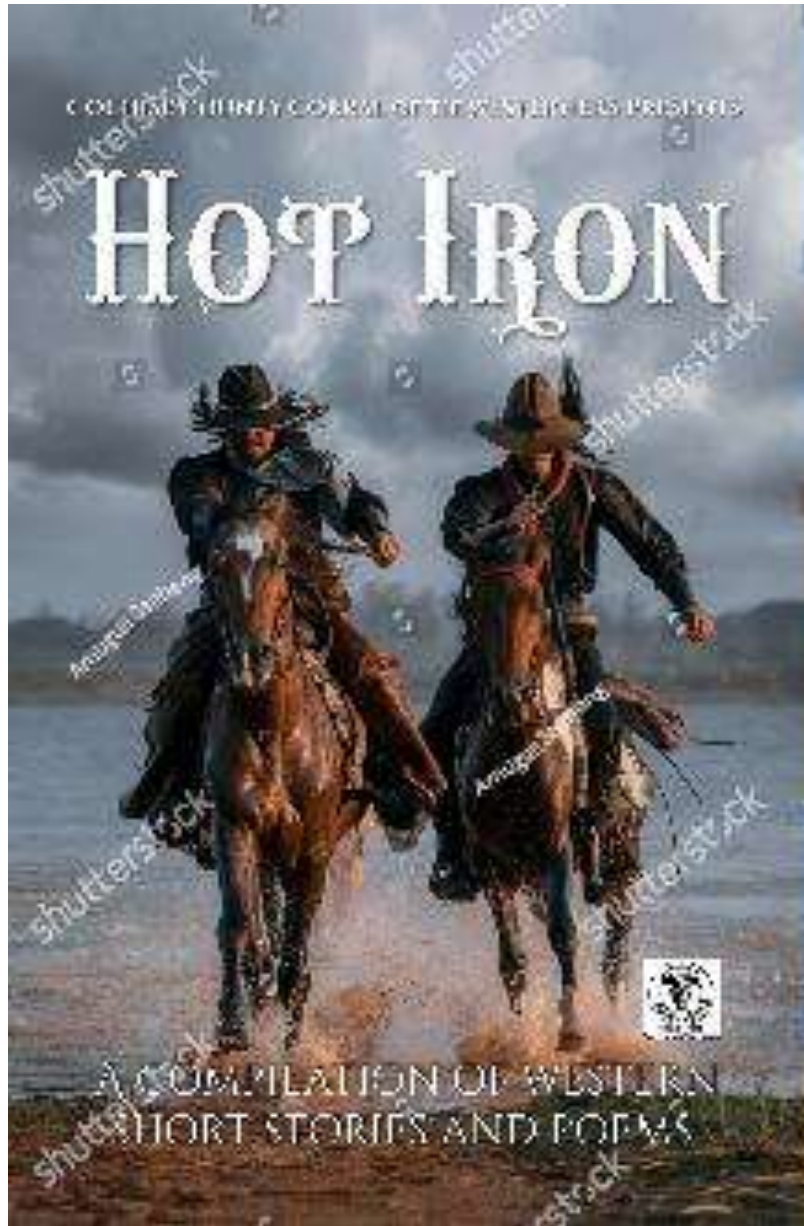
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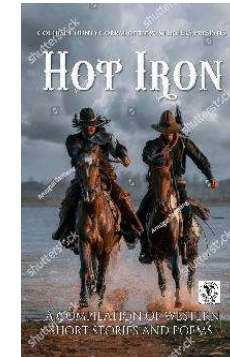
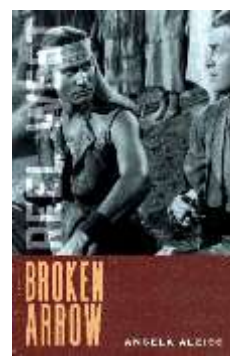
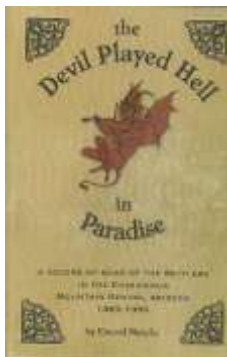
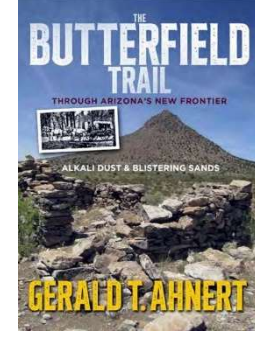
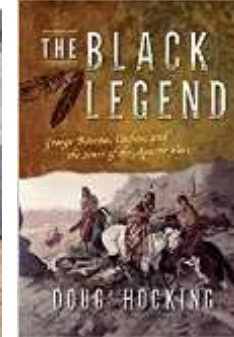
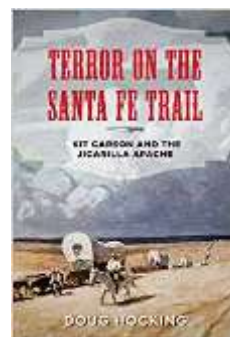
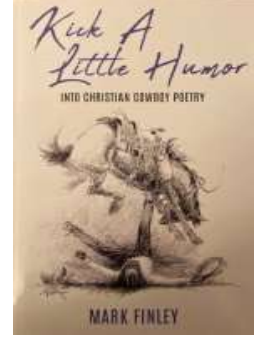
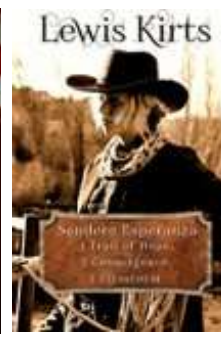
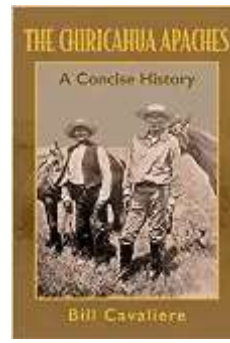
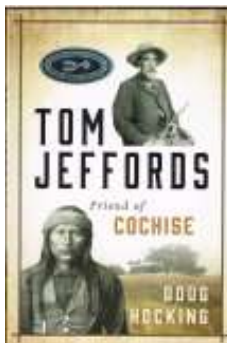
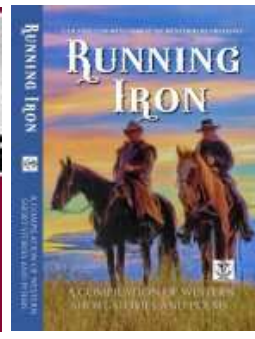
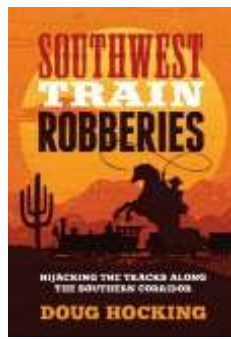
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Available to retailers for \$10



Available on Amazon for \$16

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Membership Form October 2021



The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you
to join a fun, informal group of people

Every First Thursday of the Month

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

At Schieffelin Hall

On Freemont Street

Dinner 5:30ish at the Longhorn Restaurant

Membership Benefits:

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
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- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities and the **Tombstone Festival of Western Books**
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – *Fremont Street Mail* – Quarterly journal – *Border Vidette*. www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

- ❖ **Join the Corral that has thrice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021 & 2023 and awards for Poetry, Presentation, Best Article & Best Book**

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** –

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638



Name _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The Cochise County Corral meets at Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ
Information contact: Sheriff Liz Severn InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org or (520) 220-6313

Send Completed Application and check for \$20 to:
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