

FREEMONT STREET MAIL

September 8, 2026



Roundup Foreman's Trumpet
Gary Smith



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 to join us!



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

October 1, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Presenter:

Elizabeth Wrozek



*Unearthing the Stories
of Fry Pioneer
Cemetery*



What were the legacies of the Yaqui and Mexican pioneers who helped build Sierra Vista? What was life like in early Sierra Vista? Walk in the footsteps of those who migrated to Sierra Vista in the early 1900's during this fascinating presentation by Sierra Vista Historical Society President Elizabeth Wrozek.

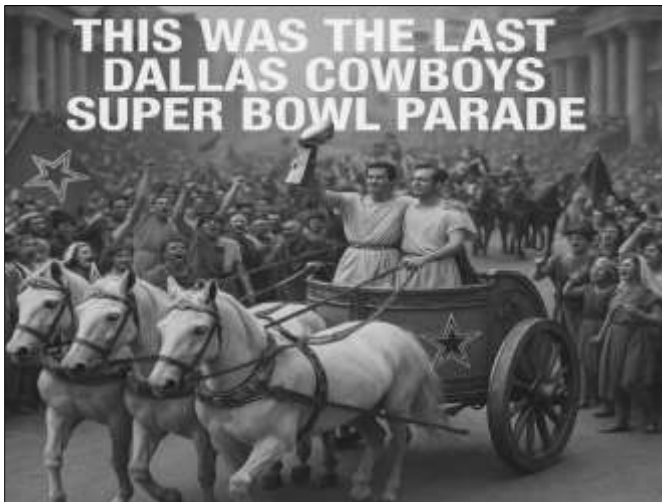
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Editorial Comments Lindsey Zimmerman

As you can see, I've made some changes to try & shorten the *Mail* - changed the order of the content; minimized the info on Upcoming Events, replacing full-page flyers with links or site addresses; and a few other things. And as a fervent patriot, I really have to resist inserting acknowledgment of our America's 250th birthday! See y'all later -



**Football season has started!
Please help me root for my poor Cowboys!!**

You Tube & Last Campfire Lindsey Zimmerman



Our very own Doug Hocking gave September's presentation on the Butterfield Overland Mail in Chiricahua Apache Territory. Packed with facts, and pictures and maps, Doug gave us a very comprehensive and sometimes horrifying, and sometimes entertaining look at the lives and times of plenty of famous names we've heard



before, and others we've *never* heard of, during this tumultuous period of time and in our own backyard. And with all the killings and happenings, he still made it clear that the Chiricahua were pretty dang peaceful at the time!

We went from freighting, to mining, to mail contracts, to different routes, to remaining ruins, ruts and tombstones, to hearing how far it was between trouble and troops and how far you had to go to get to the next water. Yikes! And No Thanks!

Fortunately, some of us had been with Doug on a Trail Ride out to Stein's Pass and were able to really picture his telling of events. We even saw the grave marker that fell out of the wagon at the *exact* place the whiskey-drinking drivers had buried the body! Ah, History. And all the research people like Doug do to bring the facts from the past to we folk enjoying it now. Thanks, Doug, for your great talk and for all you do for our Corral. I'm glad we had so many guests visiting that got to enjoy your talk that evening, and for those of you who missed it, you can catch it on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/WsliJLStOn4?si=Tn-UzCuPkcjIb-K3>

Keeper of the Chips **Debora Lewis**



Account Reconciled

64 Ranch Hands paid for 2026

Checking: \$3501.56

Savings: \$1022.06

Income 8/1-8/29/26: \$580.88

Expenses 8/1-8/29/26: \$ 93.71

Profit \$487.17

Website Metrics:

www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

August:

Visitors 181, with 30 in last 7 days

28 Social Views, with 10 in the last 7 days

We scored in the top 50% of all non-profit websites for visitors!

Recorder of Marks & Brands **Doug H for Jean**



Corral in October 17 Helldorado Parade

Corral will participate in the Helldorado Parade on Saturday 17 October. More information to follow. This is great fun. Get out your best Western and 1880s duds, it's almost like Halloween. We'll have a few items of clothing you can borrow.

Donations to the Library

We're looking for books of encyclopedic organization about Cochise County and the West. Feel free to make suggestions to Lindsey and Doug about items you'd like included. There's a list of items we're looking for in this issue of the *Mail*.

Doug donated books with a market value of close to \$1,000 (he didn't spend that much) and Lindsey donated 9 others (value undisclosed). Be sure to thank them both.

Corral Brochures are in!

Look for our new colorful brochures around Tombstone and give Lindsey suggestions for places where they might be put. They will also be made available at the next Campfire for your own distribution.

Get Ready for the Christmas Party!

We'll be inviting **Permafrost Road** who performed last year back to perform again. We'll also have Cowboy Poetry and Short Stories from you all; maybe some show 'n tell, and great snacks brought by the Ranch Hands. Should be a great time.

Sheriff's Star **Liz Severn**



Just like in the rest of the country, ELECTIONS for Corral Officers is coming up!

We do have some new faces that are interested in some of our positions. If you are also interested in participating, please contact me:

ljsevern@gmail.com

My comments on how much time I spent filling several positions for the Corral can be found in the August issue of the *Mail*.

We will be announcing the Officer Lineup at the October Campfire!

Numerous visitors were greeted and the Corral business meeting was summarized.

Round Up Foreman, Gary announced the November speaker and what our plans are for December's Christmas Campfire.

Trail Boss, Bob has something in the works.

Faro Dealer, Lindsey spoke briefly on the status on reviving the Corral's Library.

Our Telegrapher, Ric told us about his top five Coming Events in our area.

There was no Cowboy Poetry presented.

For One Minute History, Lindsey read a Navaho legend of how the Horse came to be.

Doug Hocking presented the Butterfield Overland Mail across Chiricahua Apache country. It was well received.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Kleinschmidt.

Departments of *Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette*

We encourage our Ranch Hands to contribute to many of the departments in the *Fremont Street Mail & Border Vidette*.

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

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

Photo Album - Local Events

Recipes from the Trail

Out and About: If you did it, we only know about it if you tell us and send photos! *Buckskin Bulletin* draws data from **Out & About** for their report on what the Corral is doing and at the end of the year this becomes fodder for the Outreach portion of the **Heads Up Award** (for best Corral) application. If you did something and it's not mentioned, it's because you didn't tell us!

The Following Departments of the *Border Vidette* are open to your contributions:

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



When I saw this picture in a magazine, I just cracked up. If you've ever ridden with Doug & Debbie, you get it. She's holdin' on for dear life & tellin' him how to drive & he's havin' no part of it. Ya gotta love it! And them!

Deep Thoughts For the Corral Library

Some of the books recently donated:

Cochise County Historical Journal. Historically we had a subscription and semi-annually added the next issue. This was the heart of our library.

Chaput, Donald and Lynn R. Bailey. *Cochise County Stalwarts*, Vol. 1-2.

Kuhn, Berndt. *Chronicles of War: Apache and Yavapai Resistance in the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico, 1821-1937*. Tucson: Arizona Historical Society, 2014.

Michno, Gregory and Susan Michno. *Forgotten Fights: Little-known Raids and Skirmishes on the Frontier, 1823 to 1890*. Missoula: Mountain Press Publishing Co., 2008.

Books we'd like to acquire:

Altshuler, Constance Wynn. Latest from Arizona! The Hesperian Letters, 1859-1861. Tucson: Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society, 1969.

Ahnert, Gerald T. The Butterfield Trail: Through Arizona's New Frontier, Alkali Dust & Blistering Sands. Rodeo: Eco Publishing, 2025.

Chaput, Donald and Lynn R. Bailey. *Cochise County Stalwarts*, Vol. 1-2. Tucson: Westernlore Publications, 2000.

Hanchett, Leland J., Jr. *Crossing Arizona*. Phoenix: Hanchett, 2002.

Michno, Gregory. *Encyclopedia of the Indian Wars: Western Battles and Skirmishes 1850-1890*. Missoula: Mountain Press Publishing Co., 2003.

Myrick, David F. *Railroads of Arizona, Vol 1: The Southern Roads*. Berkeley: Howell-North Books, 1975.

Varney, Philip. *Arizona Ghost Towns and Mining Camps*. Phoenix: Arizona Highways, 1998.

Nearing, Richard and David Hoff. Arizona Military Installations: 1752-1922. Tempe: Gem Publishing, 1998.

Sherman, James E., and Barbara H. Ghost Towns of Arizona. Norman University of Oklahoma Press, 1969.

Thrapp, Dan L. Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography, Vol. 1-3. Spokane: Arthur H. Clark & Co., 1988.

These are all basic reference works and a good place to start with any investigation of historical themes from Cochise County and Arizona. They are basically encyclopedic in construction giving brief biographies, descriptions, and accounts along with solid references to their source material. Many are out of print but available second hand at reasonable prices.

We will be looking at books brought in each meeting before Campfire to decide if they are appropriate. Ranch Hands are also invited to suggest books for inclusion. Space is limited. We are looking for books that are encyclopedic in nature or a bit like the Time-Life books. That is, short entries on multiple subjects with good references on source material. A biography of Jim Bridger would not be a good addition, but a book with short entries on many mountain men and their equipment, confrontations, and rendezvous would fit in well.

Do you want to do a One-Minute History? You can find a subject. Do you want to visit a ghost town, fort, battle site, or to know what railroad you're walking on and when it was built? You'll find it in this collection.



Circa 1500: Horses are introduced to America

PUEBLO FEAST DAYS

September 19th – Laguna: St Joseph Feast Day
(505) 552-5033 lagunapueblo-nsn.gov

September 30th – Taos: San Geronimo Feast Day
(575) 758-1028 taospueblo.com

Zuni: Zuni Tribal Fair – Held in September
(505) 782-7238 zunitourism.com

For more info on Pueblo Feast Days & other Cultural Events: Indian Pueblo Cultural Ctr
(505) 843-7270



Out & About



Corral Gals with Pals at Big Nose Kate's



Dave Z having Spam Fries @ Doc's Watering Hole on his birthday

On August 12, Ranch Hand Doug Hocking was at Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM, researching the Butterfield Overland Mail through the records on Fort Union in the Arrott Collection.



Doug & Debbie also got in some research at the New Mexico History Museum at the Palace of the Governors.

A fireplace long buried under the floor of the Palace of the Governors.



Seegesser Hide Painting showing a battle on the Missouri River in the early 1700s between Spanish and French and their respective Indian allies to control of the New World.

August 13-16, Doug and Debbie Hocking sold books at the Santa Fe Indian Market. Indian Market is a cover name for five shows happening at the same time. Doug's show is Native Treasures. The shows draw 130,000 people each year and about 2,000 vendors. A tent city closes off the downtown, spreading out for two and three blocks, down seven streets from the Plaza and Palace of the Governors. Indian artists selling their own crafts in beadwork, quillwork, jewelry, pottery, two-dimensional arts (painting), Pueblo wooden carvings, textiles (Navajo rugs), and other arts.





Lt Joe Leaphorn from Dark Winds on left



The show Doug and Debbie are in features jewelry modern, traditional, and antique, clothing, antique arts and crafts, painting, unset stones, and more.



On August 28, Doug spoke to the Daughters of the American Revolution at Pinos Altos in the historic Buckhorn Theater (almost identical to the Birdcage) on the Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country.

Places to Visit

Fort Apache Historic Park White Mountain Apache Lands, Arizona



Nohwike' Bágowa, the White Mountain Apache Cultural Center and Museum

Located in the Fort Apache Historic Park, Nohwike' Bágowa (House of Our Footprints) is the place to experience Apache history and culture. Housed in a modern facility constructed to reflect a gowa, our traditional holy home, the cultural center and museum is committed to the celebration and perpetuation of the Apache heritage. Nohwike' Bágowa hosts long term exhibits, temporary exhibitions, regularly scheduled Apache arts demonstrations, and other special events. The museum also houses the Tribe's growing archival collection, including manuscripts, publications, and a large collection of historic photographs. The museum shop offers a wide selection of the best Apache basketry, beadwork, and other arts, in addition to books, music, and Fort Apache and Tribal mementos.



Nohwike' Bágowa is open Monday-Saturday 8am to 5pm during the summer, and Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm during the winter.

Museum & Park:

Adults - \$10.00 per adult,

Seniors (65+) - \$7.00

Youth (6 to 18) - \$7.00

Children under 6 - Free

WMAT members – Free



The Fort Apache Historic Park, including Kinishba Ruins, is open daily from 7:00am to sunset. Apache tour guides are available with advance reservation, and special accommodations and activities can be arranged for tour groups.

24 Hour information line: (928) 338-4525

Museum: (928) 338-4625

White Mountain Apache Office of Tourism:
(928) 338-1230

The Fort Apache Legacy

Housed in the oldest structure at Fort Apache, an 1871 log cabin traditionally known as General Crook's Cabin, The Fort Apache Legacy provides visitors with an overview of the history of the fort and its impact on the Apache people. Photomurals, maps, and historic photographs bring the past to life. A mid-1870s period room offers a glimpse into the world of Army officers and their families at what was to them a remote outpost.



Troop G, 7th Cavalry, arrives at Fort Apache after riding from Texas, 12 October 1895. (Courtesy of the Arizona Historical Society/Tucson)

Fort Apache Historic District Walking Tour

Twenty seven historic buildings make up the core of the 288 acre National Register Historic District. Following maps available at the Museum, visitors can explore the district at their own pace.

Interpretive signs located throughout the district explain the construction and use of the historic buildings and spaces, and allow visitors to immerse themselves in the history of what many consider the best surviving example of an Apache Wars-era military post. The Fort Apache Cemetery is located 1/4 mile east of the main fort grounds and is accessible by walking trail or road. Visitors interested in more adventure can hike the Historic Park's recreational trails, including a 1.4 mile loop through the East Fork canyon that passes the site of an historic Apache Scout camp and a small Ancestral Pueblo village.



Kinishba Ruins

Located approximately four miles west of Fort Apache, the Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark is a satellite resource of the Fort Apache Historic Park. Occupied by Zuni and Hopi ancestors until about 1400AD, the village was excavated and partly reconstructed in the 1930s by archaeologist Byron Cummings. In 1993 the site was placed on Congress's "Priority 1" list of threatened National Historic Landmarks. Stabilization work supported by grants from the Arizona Heritage Fund (administered by Arizona State Parks) and the "Save America's Treasures" program (administered by the National Park Service) has allowed the Tribe to preserve this

important site. Visitors to Kinishba Ruins must check in at the museum at Fort Apache, where interpretive guides are available. Admission to the museum and historic park includes access to the ruins.



Poetry Corner

MONSOON

By Bob Spahle

I was ridin' to Nogalas
when the wind began to blow.
Soon the rain would be coming,
had to find someplace to go.
The clouds were getting darker,
could thunder any time
Was ridin' my newest pony,
he was of the skittish kind.

We had to cross that river
and get on the other side.
With thunder and lightning and pouring rain,
it made a rising tide.
We had no choice but to chance it,
no time for second guessing
Said one last prayer down on my knees
to get my God's blessing.

I was hoping he wouldn't buck me
before we got somewhere safe
When the river started rising
and was about to seal my fate.
I've never seen the San Pedro
running by so fast
And if we made just one mistake,
it'd surely be our last.

A log was speeding at us,
coming faster than a train
If it was to hit us,
would surely cause some pain.
My pony found its footing
and leaped upon a branch
We felt like two drowned rats,
but it was our only chance.

We rode that tree for days it seemed,
before the river slowed
When in the distance a town appeared,
its lanterns all aglow.
We made it to the closest bar
and I brought my pony inside
Whoever said it don't rain in the desert
has told you a big fat lie!

FIRST LOVE

By Bud Strom

I close my eyes and see her look,
A beauty to behold
I thought about the time we met,
To touch her, oh so cold

I'd dream about her day and night
And how I would behave
When first I had the courage,
To venture, more than wave.

Her dress of course was spankin' new
A stylish green and gold
My heart went all a flutter,
I then got rather bold.

I sidled up so close to her
Her shape so clean and pure
That skin so smooth to the touch,
So much, to her allure.

I found the key that turned her on,
I loved her from the start,
I close my eyes and hear her purr,
Those thoughts are in my heart.

Forgive this rancher, give him room,
He'll shed but just one tear,
The time that he remembers when
He bought his first JOHN DEERE.





Epitaph **Doug Hocking**

The Arizonian published at Tubac and later at Tucson was Arizona's first newspaper. This is the origin of Mickey Free.

The boy was Felix Martinez Tellez Ward who, 12 years later, came to be known to the world as Indian scout Mickey Free. For years it has been accepted that the raid took place on January 27 due to a newspaper transcription error discovered recently by Dr. John Fahey who also shows that Infantry lieutenant George Bascom spent several days searching for the trail with a group of dragoons (cavalry) temporarily at Fort Buchanan pursuant to a court martial proceeding.

Arizonian, Tucson, 25 January 1861

An officer stationed at Fort Buchanan writes that six head of cattle were stolen a few days since from a ranche adjoining the military reservation by Indians, half-starved and on foot, yet the stock was not retaken.

On the 21st they stole cattle from the ranche of Mr. John Ward, eleven miles from the post, and seized a lad of twelve years within three hundred yards of the house, whom they carried into captivity. An infantry officer with a small command was sent to rescue the captive as soon as the news reached the post, but the foot soldiery were not adapted to the service, and the unfortunate boy is perhaps destined to the hard fate of long captivity. Several descents have been made upon the San Pedro settlers, and some of them have been compelled to abandon their homes and seek refuge in the more thickly settled districts.

Blast From the Past **Doug Hocking**

Head Qrs Fort Union, N.M. Dec 6, 1858
Orders No. 17

All enlisted men, camp women & government employees at the post are hereby positively prohibited from owning or having hogs in their possession.
By order of Col Loring

Life on a military post on the frontier in the 1850s was a bit different. The supply chain was inefficient at best. Soldiers kept gardens and animals in order to keep fed. Posts looked a bit more like medieval villages than forts. Still, one has to wonder what incident brought this on. Colonel Loring probably wasn't keeping kosher.

If you saw the movie Rough Riders you might recall the commander of the brigade of which the Rough Riders were a part. Major General "Lightning Joe" Wheeler was played by Gary Busey. In 1861, he resigned his commission to become a Confederate general.

Hd Qrs Department of New Mexico, Santa Fe,
March 31st, 1861 Special Orders No. 34

Lieut. Joseph Wheeler, Mtd Rifles, having offered his resignation has leave of absence with permission to repair to his home in Georgia, to await the action of the President of the U.S. on his case.

By Order of Colonel W.W. Loring
Dabney E. Maury, Asst. Adjutant Genl.

The Overland Mail found difficulty in finding men to drive and conduct stagecoaches and man stations in Chiricahua Apache country between Mesilla and Tucson. Butterfield brought in men who had worked for him on his stage lines in Upstate New York.

"Letter from our El Paso Correspondent,"
Mesilla Times, 25 October 1860.

Strange as it may seem, we have among us some of the Black Republican element as foul blasts upon the banner of the "banner county" of the State of Texas. They are recent importations, however. They are Northern men, some of them employees of a "company" which though advantageous in one point of view, has unintentionally, scattered the seeds of the poison Upas of abolitionism in our political pathway. It gives us pleasure to state that no son of the South is a recreant or a traitor among us. It is a significant fact that Northern men are employed to the exclusion of Southern men on our Overland Mail Line. We hope a change will come over the spirit of their dreams.

Upas: a poisonous or harmful influence or institution



Hollywood Trivia Lindsey Zimmerman



Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy met while working on the film *Woman of the Year* in 1942. Initially, they were cool towards each other, but their relationship quickly warmed, and they soon became close friends. Their collaboration on *Woman of the Year* not only led to a successful film but also sparked a romantic affair that lasted for 26 years, until Spencer's death, becoming one of Hollywood's most famous love stories. They never married.



Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton first locked eyes nearly a decade before they worked together, at a swanky Hollywood party. Richard was captivated by Elizabeth, describing her in his diary – later

uncovered in *Furious Love* (2010) by Nancy Schoenberger and Sam Kashner – as being “extraordinarily beautiful...she was, in short, too bloody much, and not only that, she was totally ignoring me.” While the actress reportedly found Richard, with his reputation for partying and wooing his leading ladies, “swaggering and vulgar”. The pair first ignited sparks on the set of *Cleopatra* in 1962, when their on & off-screen chemistry quickly spilled into real life – despite both being married to other people at the time. Their romance, rife with passion, public scrutiny, and scandal, would lead to two marriages – two divorces – and a pop culture legacy that rivaled their cinematic one.



Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall met on the set of the 1944 film *To Have and Have Not*, where Bacall was making her film debut at the age of 19. Their chemistry quickly developed into a romantic relationship, leading to their marriage in 1945. At the time of their meeting, Bogart was still married to his third wife, Mayo Methot. However, he soon ended that marriage to pursue his relationship with Bacall. He was 25 years her senior. Their connection blossomed during the production, leading to a significant and lasting partnership.

Odd Bits

Lindsey Zimmerman

Bit Pruitt has been chuckwagon cooking for decades, providing cowboys & working crews with grub meant to fuel long days, through his business From the Wagon.

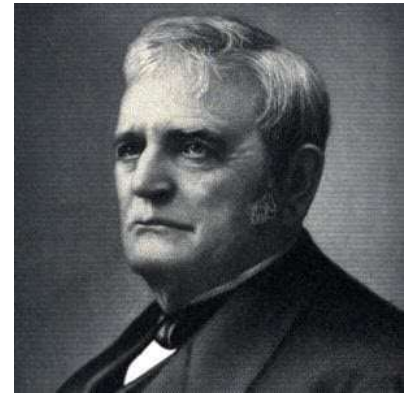
COWBOY ETOUFFEE (Feeds 2)

- 1 lb lean ground beef (93% lean/7% fat)
 - 1 small, sweet onion, diced
 - 2 red bell peppers, diced
 - 1 (10 oz) can Rotel
 - 1 (32 oz) can Ranch Style beans
 - 1 (16 oz) can chunky pineapple, drained
 - Cajun seasoning, to taste
 - 1 pack (4 links) hot links of choice
- ★ Cut hot links into ½” rounds & cook in skillet or dutch oven til browned
 - ★ Add hamburger & cook til browned
 - ★ Remove the meat, leaving grease behind
 - ★ Add onion & bell peppers & cook til softened
 - ★ Return meat to pan with veggies
 - ★ Add Rotel & stir to combine
 - ★ Increase heat slightly & bring to soft boil
 - ★ Add beans & mix well
 - ★ Bring back to soft boil for 4-5 minutes
 - ★ Remove from heat & stir in pineapple before serving



John Deere

was born into a middle class family in Rutland, Vermont on February 7, 1804. John Deere had a limited education and taught himself the Blacksmith Trade by accepting an apprenticeship at age 17.

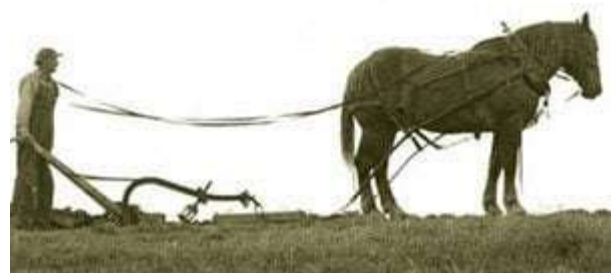


After just 4 years of a blacksmith apprenticeship Deere set out on his own to charter his own course. For the next 12 years Deere moved around Vermont practicing his trade in various towns. He had limited success, as competition was steep for blacksmiths. John had not one, but two blacksmith shops that were destroyed by fire. He moved to Illinois.

In 1837 John Deere was foraging a steel blade for a local sawmill when the blade had cracked in half and stuck in the dirt. Deere went to pick up the stuck steel blade when he was struck with a life changing idea. The blade was bent in a concave U shape and John Deere immediately thought of how this shape could be used utilized in plow designs of the time. Plows at the time were made of wood or cast iron and had to be scraped clean of dirt on a regular basis, as the fertile soil of Illinois would stick to the blade surface.

John Deere started tinkering with steel plow designs and by 1838 had sold 3 plows to local farmers. He also saw the value of manufacturing equipment for stock and having them ready for sale, versus manufacturing a plow after an order had already been placed.

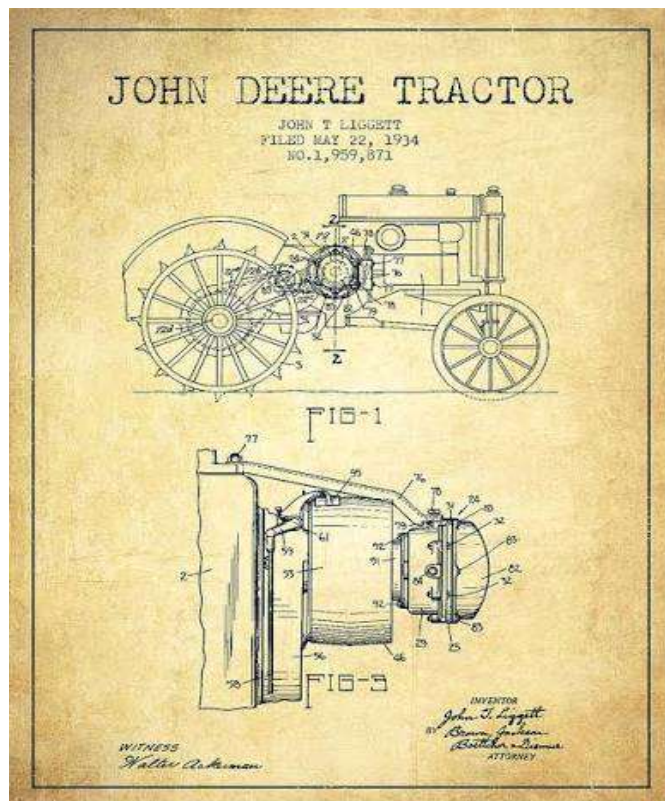
By 1839 John Deere had produced 10 more plows and by 1840 had 40 plows built. In 1842 John produced 100 plows, and 400 plows by 1843.



In 1843 John Deere procured steel shipments from England for his plows. By 1846 production had risen dramatically and John Deere had over 1,000 plows in stock at his facility. Later on, John would purchase steel from Pittsburgh, PA as the steel industry in America exploded post Civil War.



John Deere was a stickler about design changes and never stopped improving the quality of his products. One of his early business associates would say changes in design were not necessary as farmers would be forced to take whatever was produced. Deere responded with, “They haven’t got to take what we make, and somebody else will beat us, and we will lose our trade.”



John Deere was a pioneer of product quality once saying, “I will never put my name on a product that does not have in it the best that is in me.”

In the mid 1890s the bicycle became a popular mode of transportation in America. John Deere tried to capitalize on the trend and produced three models of bicycles in 1894: The Deere Roadster, The Deere Leader and the Moline Special. Production stopped after a couple of years once the craze died down.

In 1907 John Deere’s third President, William Butterworth, **instituted the first company pension plan** for employees with more than 20 yrs of service and who have passed the age of 65.



The company moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where it acquired the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co. in 1918. That company was producing the first motorized tractor, beginning in 1913 or 1914, with an upgrade in 1917. The John Deere 2-cylinder motorized tractor, the Waterloo Boy, made its debut in 1923. Success! And the company actually still makes some of the parts for it.

John Deere passed away May 17, 1886 at the age of 82 at his home in Red Cliff which overlooked the town of Moline, Illinois which now had 10,000 residents. More than 4,000 people attended John’s funeral to pay their final respects.

During WWII John Deere produced ammunition, military tractors, aircraft parts, cargo and mobile laundry units.

John Deere has manufactured over 5,000,000 engines in its history. More than 60% are still in operation.

Telegrapher's Code & Events List



Sources:

TTR: <https://ttr2022.carrd.co>
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<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/calendar/>
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<https://home.army.mil/huachuca/>
<https://www.arizonan.com/federal-lands/fort-huachuca>



Website and how to get there:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>
The Fremont Street Mail (monthly)
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremontstreet-mail>

The Border Vidette (quarterly)
<https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-bordervidette>
Scrapbook

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

Facebook:

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

September 18, Terror on the Santa Fe Trail, the Jicarilla Apache, Doug Hocking, Historical Society of New Mexico, Camarron, NM

September 25-26, Arizona History Mini-Convention, Tucson

September 26, Dedication of Vandenberg-Collins Collection at Chiricahua Regional Museum and Research Center, Willcox

September 27, A Star is Born 2-5pm, (filmed @ Empire Ranch in 1976), Loft Cinema, Tucson

October 1-4, Rex Allen Days, Willcox

October 4-5, Art in the Park, Sierra Vista

October 8, Violent Past of New Mexico's Bootheel Noon, Bill Cavaliere, Brown Bag Lunch, Willcox Theater

October 10-11, Patagonia Fall Fest, Patagonia

October 16-18, Helldorado, Tombstone

October 16-18, Unbelievable Borderlands Festival, Camp Naco, Naco AZ

October 21-24, Tombstone Territorial Rendezvous, Tombstone

October 24, TTR – A Modern-Day Law Enforcement View of the OK Corral Gunfight, Bill Cavaliere

November 6, Annual Steak Fry, 4 pm, Ticket Required, Empire Ranch

November 7, Cowboy Festival Saturday, 10-4, Empire Ranch

November 12, The Truth About Geronimo, Noon, Jeff Haozous, Brown Bag Lunch, Willcox Theater

December 6, Cochise County Historical Society Annual Banquet, Gadsden Hotel, Douglas

December 12th Christmas at the Empire Ranch

UPCOMING EVENTS



Live to Ride

October 2 @ 12:00 pm - October 4 @ 5:00 pm

Join us as we take over the town with motorcycle parking on each side road off Allen Street. Each road will be a different class of bike. There will be live music, vendors, food, and The Ives Brother Wall of Death. **Sponsored by Live to Ride Tombstone**

Tombstone Helldorado Days 2025

October 16 @ 10:00 am - October 18 @ 4:00 pm

Downtown Tombstone – Allen Street

97th Annual - Tombstone's longest-running festival, packed with parades, gunfight shows, historical pageantry, and entertainment.

Bull Riding in Tombstone

October 17 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Shoot-Out Arena

365 South 3rd Street



 **Amerind Museum**

<https://www.amerind.org>

**Click on the above link to check out
The September online events!**



The Zoom Corral meeting for September begins @ 7 PM, but you are advised to sign on @ 6:45.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99059884120?pwd=MkFJWXM5M1g5VmRlU1A2MkRHVkJJdz09>

Meeting ID: 990 5988 4120

Passcode: 454166

**September 15, 2026: Tom Ashmore,
"Horsehead Crossing Celebration"**

**Hear more about the annual event at the historic
Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos River.**

Meet Tom Ashmore

Tom spent 22 years in the Air Force as a special intelligence analyst. After retiring from active duty, he taught special intelligence skills for another five years worldwide and then 15 years at the Air Force Intelligence School at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. He completed a book in 2019, updated in 2024, on his Butterfield Trail investigations, entitled *The Butterfield Trail through the Concho Valley and West Texas*. He completed a second book in 2025 on the 3-year study on Camp Meyers Spring, Texas. He is currently the president of the West Texas Archeological Society and a board member of the Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies.



**Watch this youtube video before his
presentation for a history lesson:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rICS8zqn2g&t=27s>



September 18, 2026

Friday 10:30 AM-12:00 Noon

True Grit on the Santa Fe Trail

Session Sponsor: Rebecca Ullrich

Presenters: Joy Poole and Doug Hocking

“The Santa Fe Trail to Mexico: Rowland Willard’s Travel Diaries 1825-1828” – Joy Poole, an expert on western trails, retired from the New Mexico State Library as Deputy State Librarian.

Terror on the Santa Fe Trail, the Jicarilla Apache - Doug Hocking

“As a child, I heard the Jicarillas’ own stories of their past,” Doug Hocking writes. “Finding this difficult to reconcile with history books, I delved into their past and learned that they were the people that closed the Santa Fe Trail three times, who fought and won spectacular victories, and who were the last to be placed on a reservation, as everyone feared them and refused to have them nearby. Kit Carson was by turns their opponent, friend and neighbor, and Indian agent. These are stories of blood and honor, courage and bravery.” Doug Hocking is the author of many books of Southwest History. Raised on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation, he retired from the US Army.



2026 Arizona History Mini Convention

Sept 25 and 26, 2026, Arizona Historical Society's Arizona History Museum, 949 E 2nd Street, Tucson

Conference Registration (via EventBrite)

Registration is \$25 (plus fees) per person

[Register Now](#)

Parking - Arizona Historical Society's section of the Main Gate Garage, Euclid Ave & 2nd St., near the Marriott Hotel. Enter the garage from 2nd St and head north to the section labeled "Arizona Historical Society." Bring your ticket to the museum for validation.

ArizonaHistoryConvention-program (pdf)

[Download](#)





SIERRA VISTA

30th Annual Oktoberfest

Date: 9/11-13/2026 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Veterans Memorial Park

Join us under the big tent for German Oktoberfest bier, hear our very own Oompah-pah band, and enjoy German cuisine. The DJs will keep the party rocking throughout the festival in Der Biergarten, and Zero Gravity Fighters band will headline at the Centennial Pavilion to rock the park with your favorite Rock, Pop, R&B, and Country hits from the 70's to today on Friday and Saturday night. On Saturday, there will German-inspired crafts and contests, including keg rolling, stein holding, and Hammerschlagen. Plus, enjoy the artisan craft market, food trucks, and the Sun Valley Rides Carnival throughout the entire festival.

Get the fun started early on Saturday with the **Oktoberfest 5k Run/Walk!** [Sign up on Active.com.](#)

Want to grab a Ride All-Day Carnival Ticket?

[Tickets are on sale now at:](#) The Cove, Sports Division, Ethel H. Berger Center, and Oscar Yrun Community Center. We hope to see you there!

Prost!

Friday, September 11 | 5 – 11 p.m.

Saturday, September 12 | 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday, September 13 (carnival only) | 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Free Admission!

Friday, September 11 | 5 – 11 p.m.

5 p.m. | Oktoberfest & Carnival Rides Opens

5 – 7 p.m. | DJ V

7 – 10 p.m. | Zero Gravity Fighter Band

Saturday, September 12 | 8:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.

8:30 a.m. | Oktoberfest 5k

9:30 a.m. | Post Race Party with DJ Trix

11 a.m. | Oktoberfest & Carnical Rides Opens

1 – 2 p.m. | Oompah-pah Band

2:30 – 4 p.m. | German-inspired Crafting

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Oompah-pah band

4 – 4:45 p.m. | Keg Rolling Contest

5 p.m. | Stein Holding Contest & DJ Trix

5:30 – 6 p.m. | Hammerschlagen Contest

7 – 10 p.m. | Zero Gravity Fighter Band

Friday & Saturday Throughout

Live music, Biergarten, Sun Valley Rides Carnival, artisan vendors, and a variety of delicious cuisine.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

Pets not permitted (ADA recognized service animals only).

For more information, call (520) 417-6980.

Draft Beer Selection

Hacker Pschorr Oktoberfest Marzen

Paulaner Hefe-Weizen

Paulaner Pilsner

Paulaner Oktoberfest Bier

Warsteiner Dunkel

Firestone Walker 805



Patterson Observatory Public Night

Free | Registration required

Date: 9/17/2026 - 6:30 AM

Location: Patterson Observatory

1140 Columbo Ave

Come view the night skies at the University South Foundation's Patterson Observatory. Huachuca Astronomy Club volunteers will be on sight to answer questions and share images of stars, planets, nebulas and more!

Register at: <https://www.usfaz.org/patterson-observatory>. Admission is free, but space is limited.

Guests wishing to attend this in-person event must register.

This event is weather dependent and if the sky is even partly cloudy visitors should check the recording at (520) 458-8278 x 2214 for a cancelation notice.

Send an email to:

info@hacastronomy.org for more information.

ART IN THE PARK



Unbelievable Borderlands Festival

We are thrilled to officially announce the first-ever Unbelievable Borderlands Festival, taking place October 16–18, 2026, at Camp Naco in Naco, Arizona.

Inspired by the strange, surprising, and often overlooked stories that make the borderlands so remarkable, this three-day celebration will bring together historians, artists, writers, musicians, filmmakers, storytellers, and curious minds from across the region and beyond.

To sign up for Camp Naco's monthly newsletter or events calendar go to: campnacoaz.org

REX ALLEN DAYS

IT'S BACK - 75TH ANNUAL

OCTOBER 1-4, 2026

Willcox, Arizona

Go to this website & Click on
Schedule of Events for Full Info
<https://www.willcoxrexalldays.com/>



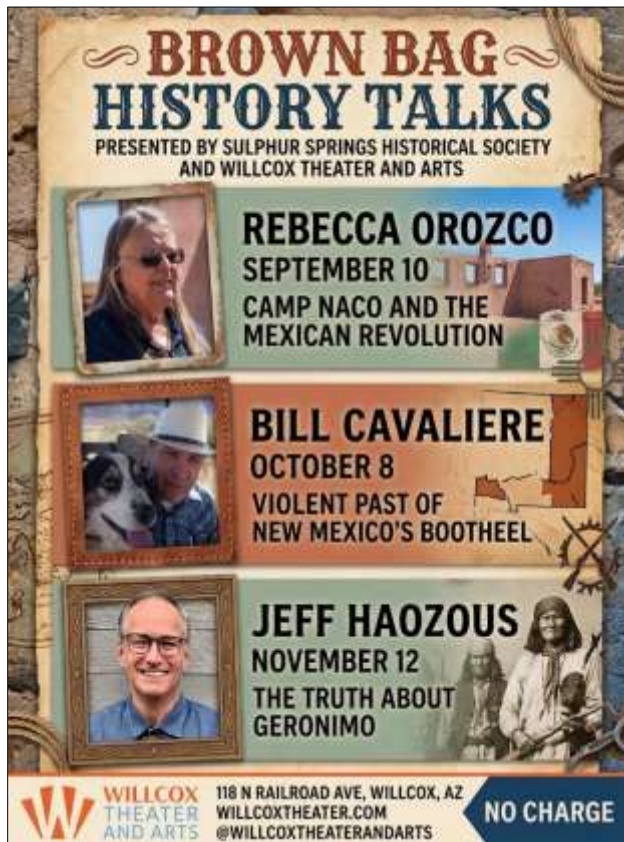
Join us for Arizona's largest
small town festival!

OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2026

Saturday 9am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm



MORE WILLCOX



GRAND OPENING

Vandenberg—Collins Apache Wars Artifact Collection

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Chiricahua Regional Museum 127 E. Maley

Charles "Chuck" Collins & Major General (Ret.) Hoyt S. Vandenberg

These two men spent 30 years locating the famous battle sites between the U. S. Cavalry and the Apache, collecting thousands of artifacts. They have donated their collections to the Cochise County Historical Society, and we are very proud that they chose our museum to preserve and display them along with their research materials, never before available to the public. Come meet the much decorated General Vandenberg and Chuck Collins, author of *The Great Escape*, *The Apache Outbreak of 1881* and *Apache Nightmare: The Battle at Cibecue Creek*.



Docent-Led Walking Tours of the Historic Empire Ranch House are held at 11am the Second & Fourth Saturday of each month. Reservations are required by 5 pm the day before the tour. [Click here](#) to make a reservation. Free.

Meet at the Visitor Contact Station for a history of the Empire Ranch families and the buildings in which they worked and lived.

The ranch house is open for self-guided tours every day from dawn to dusk.

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THE COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

www.CochiseCountyCorral.org

Invites you to join a fun, informal group of people
EVERY 1st THURSDAY of the MONTH
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm AT SCHIEFFELIN HALL
On Freemont St
Dinner 5:30'ish at the Longhorn Restaurant

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentation of Cowboy Poetry, Short History & Western Frontier History
- ❖ Pre-meeting no-host dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant, snacks at meeting break
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) a year 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 Raffle Prizes
- ❖ Monthly Newsletter – *Fremont Street Mail* – Quarterly Journal – *Border Vidette*

**Join the Corral that has won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral Four Times
in 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 – Mail Check to:
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

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