Saddlebag Newsletter
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Welcome to the Saddlebag Newsletter. Here is the latest information from WWHA. Previously posted Saddlebag newsletters will be found by date further down this section in the list of available newsletters. All earlier information will be retained for reference.

If you have Wild West news, please contact the editor at the e-mail address shown at the top of the Saddlebag page. We reserve the right to include or not include any materials submitted to us.

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ROUNDUP 2025, RENO, NEVADA, JULY , 16-19

Be sur and check back on the website, Saddlebag and Journal for updates. Contact for rooms is https://www.caesars.com/circus-circus-reno/hotel **Phone:(775) 329-0711**
,Rooms at Circus Circus can be made direct: book.passkey.com/go/SRWWH5.
Also, be sure your email is on file if you are a member so you will receive blasts with current information. Contact Alan Blanchette, alanb101@hotmail.com to make sure we have your email.
There will not be a call for papers as there has been so much excitement over the Reno Roundup that the schedule is already full!!

The annual Wild West seminar will be held Saturday, March 8th at the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy, Idaho starting at 9am. The event is free but as there are no restaurants in Murphy you can contact the Museum at 208-495-2319 to secure a luncheon meal.

AGENDA

9- 9:30- Joe Hickey- Guns of the Wild West
9:30- 10:15- Marie Clyne – Covered Wagon Women
10:30- 11:15- Jerry Schaefer- Bear River Massacre
11:15-12:00- Mike Youngman- Tap Duncan Part1
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:30- Tap Duncan Part 2
1:30-2:15- Bob Sobba –Murders in Portneuf Canyon
2:30-3:15- Bill Betenson- History versus Hollywood on the Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid Movie
3:15 -4:00- Corey Clyne- Garrison Soldiers in Combat

"Reading the West" Editor Needed!

Our editor emeritus, Roy Young—who with poise, dedication, and good humor has led our posse ably throughout the years—is retiring as "Reading the West" editor. To replace him is a tall order, but it's a necessary one, so that we can continue to provide solid book reviews. This entails contacting publishers, contacting reviewers, reading reviews, proofing reviews, and personally writing reviews.

The position, if the creek don't rise, will be a paid one: $100 an issue, or $400 a year. WWHA President Paul Marquez is putting up the first $100 himself. Along with asking for a steely-eyed wordsmith to apply for the position, we are asking that three generous patrons donate $100 to this position (which Roy has been doing pro bono for the last year) to help sweeten the offer. To donate, please visit us at https://wildwesthistory.org/. To apply for the position, contact Roy Young at royyoung@pldi.net.

PUBLISH, n. In literary affairs, to become the fundamental element in a cone of critics.

~ Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

2025 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 15

BASIC INFO

The museum will open at 10:00 with registration, and the program will start at approximately 10:15, ending at 5:00 pm.

LOCATION

Booth Western Art Museum
Cartersville, GA

Registration deadline is February 1, 2025

REGISTER NOW

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COST

Cost is $50.00 per person. This includes admission to the museum and a catered lunch (BBQ pork, BBQ chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, &
desserts) in the museum ballroom. Please, use the Donate button below to pay.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS:

Mark Warren – "Nate Champion and the Johnson County War – America's Forgotten Hero"

Dr. Gary L. Roberts – Lee Smith – Saloon Owner, Maverick, Gold Miner, Friend of Doc Holliday. A Person Not to be Reckoned With. A Man of Mystery and Intrigue in the Wild West"

Jim Dunham – "Outlaw and Lawman Art"

Victoria Wilcox – "Portraits of a Legend – A Survey of Purported Images of Doc Holliday: What's Fact, What's Fiction and How They've Reflected and Shaped Our Impression of the West's Most Famous Southern Gentleman"

HOTEL INFORMATION

Courtyard by Marriott
5460 Hwy 20
Cartersville, GA 30121
678-721-1660

Call the hotel directly and let them know you are attending an event at the Booth Western Art Museum in order to receive a discounted rate.

There will be a Winter Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, February 14 at 10:00 am at the museum.

Be sure and register on our website or directly from this page.

Last month's picture was of Paul Johnson, as a young man at the McLaury Ranch. Who did this month's cutie grow up to be? Hint, he can still ride a horse.

Wild West History Association member, Michael O'Connor, recently passed away.

He was an air force officer and an attorney. His books included *The Wild West Meets the Big Apple* and *The Top Ten Historical Locations of the Old West*. He will be missed.

What do Buffalo Bill, Nicholas Earp, Lewis & Clark, and John Wesley Hardin all have in common? They are all featured in the December 2024 WWHA Journal!

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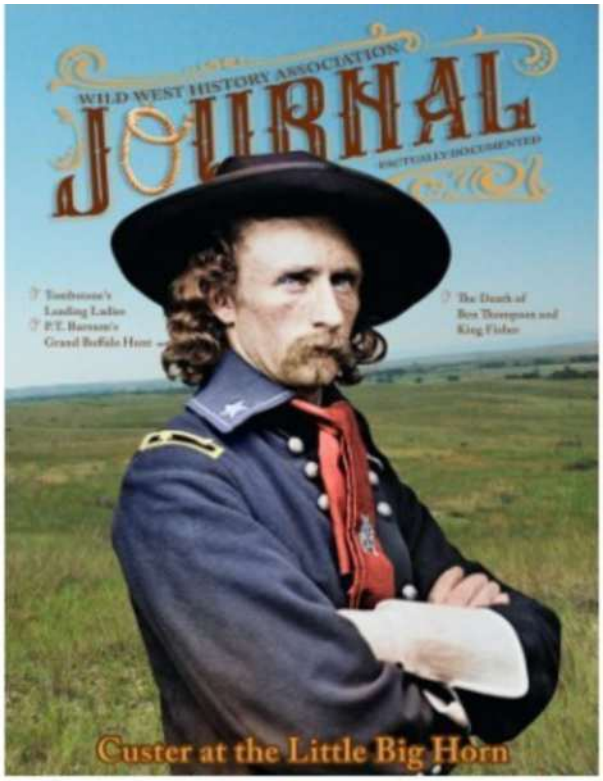
Then join us next summer in the BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD, *Reno, Nevada*, only twenty miles from *Virginia City*—where you can swap jokes with **Mark Twain**, hang around with **Charley Flinn**, drink bourbon with **George Hearst**, and, uh, get better acquainted with **Julia Bulette!**



WWHA
18th Annual Roundup

July 16-19, 2025
Circus Circus

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RENO

407 N. Virginia St.
Reno, Nevada

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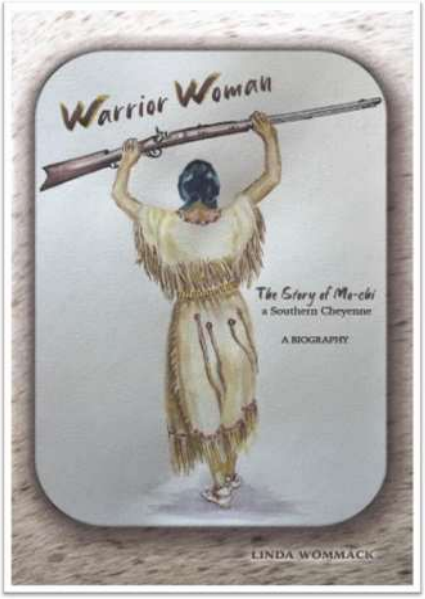
SAINT JAMES HOTEL REOPENING

The St. James Hotel is set to reopen with new owners. Opening date scheduled for December 20. The Mantz family with their company M Vacation Properties and Resorts, have purchased the property. They plan to keep the interior design the same. They were interviewed by the previous owners who were looking for someone who would preserve the historical value of the hotel. The new owners plan to keep the history alive.

WILD WEST HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND AWARD-WINNING FEATURED AUTHOR LINDA WOMMACK



SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS!

"Following the horrific massacre of Sand Creek in 1864, the Arapaho and Cheyenne, along with bands of Northern Cheyenne, Sioux and Comanche, fought back. Along the South Platte and Smoky Hill trails, the Indians wreaked havoc from western Kansas to Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas. Freight wagons were attacked, wagon trains with westward travels were attacked, homesteads were raided, women and children were kidnapped. In Colorado, from Julesburg to Denver, ranches, farms, and towns were burned. Telegraph lines were cut, railroad ties were torn up, and wagon trains were threatened, for a time, shutting down all travel east and west. It was clear that the Indians were now on the war path. Into this warring faction stepped a young Southern Cheyenne woman, Mo-chi. Mo-chi, twenty years old, seized her dead father's Hawken rifle, a previous gift from a grateful white man, and pledged revenge. "This day, I vow revenge for the murder of my family and my people. This day, I declare war on veho - white man. This day I become a warrior and a warrior I will be forever." She would become known by her people as Warrior Woman. With the help of Cheyenne Oral history, as told to John L. Sipes, Jr., her great-great grandson, her full, correct story is finally told.

Wild West History Association December YouTube Schedule
https://www.youtube.com/@WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos
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Nov. 30: Once Upon A Time In The Wild West...A Story of the Famous 101 Ranch. Geronimo Kills a Bison.
Author-Historian Michael Wallis tells the story.

Dec 7th: Santa Anna's Path to the Alamo. Texas Ranger Encampment. Lost In Time Historical Markers Discovered

Dec 14th: Walking in the Footsteps of Pioneers: Exploring the Oregon - California Trail's

Majestic Landmarks. Story and drone video of Court, Jail and Chimney Rocks, famous landmarks along the emigrant trail which is the longest graveyard in America.

Dec 21st: Custer's lost Civil War Spur found at 7th Cavalry deserter's campsite in Colorado Territory. Found the 34 burned uniforms and over 100 Eagle Buttons. Rare find using metal detectors. Wild West History Association member Jeff Broome tells the complete interesting story.

Dec 28th: Tips and Tricks On How to Make the Perfect Cup of Wild West COWBOY COFFEE. YEE - HAW.
Best Coffee. Cowboy coffee, also known as campfire coffee, originated in the 1800s with the cattle drives of the American West. Cowboys needed a simple, quick way to make coffee while traveling and working long days. Included in the video are detailed instructions and a recipe. This coffee will impress your friends! Thanks to Arizona Bill, Cowboy Kent Rollins, and Tombstone Monument Ranch.

Jan4th: Notorious Cherokee Outlaw Ned Christie Killed, One Companion Burned, Another Caught by U.S. Marshals. Did they kill the wrong man? You decide.

Campfire Nachos submitted by David Guyton
Ingredients:
1 tablespoon neutral flavored oil
½ lb tortilla chips

1 (7.75 oz) can El Paso hot tomato sauce, or equivalent
1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
1 (14.5 oz) can black beans, drained 1 large avocado, cubed
4-5 green onions, sliced
handful of fresh cilantro, chopped
1 small lime, cut into wedges

Instructions:
1) Lightly oil the bottom of a large dutch oven, to prevent the nachos from sticking.
2) For the first layer, evenly spread ⅓ of the chips into the dutch oven, topped with ¼ can El Paso, ¼ can black beans, ¼ cup cheese, and a handful of avocado, green onions, and cilantro. Repeat for the second layer.
3) For the third and final layer, use the remaining ⅓ portion of chips, ½ can El Paso, ½ can black beans, ½ cup cheese, and the remaining avocado, onion, and cilantro.
4) Cover the dutch oven and place on a metal grill over your campfire for about 10 minutes, until the cheese has melted. Serve with the lime wedges.

"Who will go with old Ben Milam into San Antonio?"

Before the Battle of the Alamo, there was the Battle of Bexar, with street fighting in and around the Alamo that ended in Texas victory. Retrace the footsteps of the battle with Ernesto Rodriguez, our distinguished historian who is celebrating 25 years of service to the Alamo. During this evening walking tour of downtown San Antonio, you will walk the path taken by Ben Milam as he called for volunteers, see battle landmarks along Main Plaza, and learn what brought the front lines of the Texas Revolution to San Antonio and the Alamo. Featured highlights include homes used by Texian Army officers and a priest's house seized through bitter house-to-house fighting.

The tour will begin and end on Alamo Plaza.
Friday, December 6, 2024
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets:
Adults | $75
Members | $65

HAVE A GLORIOUS HOLLIDAY SEASON