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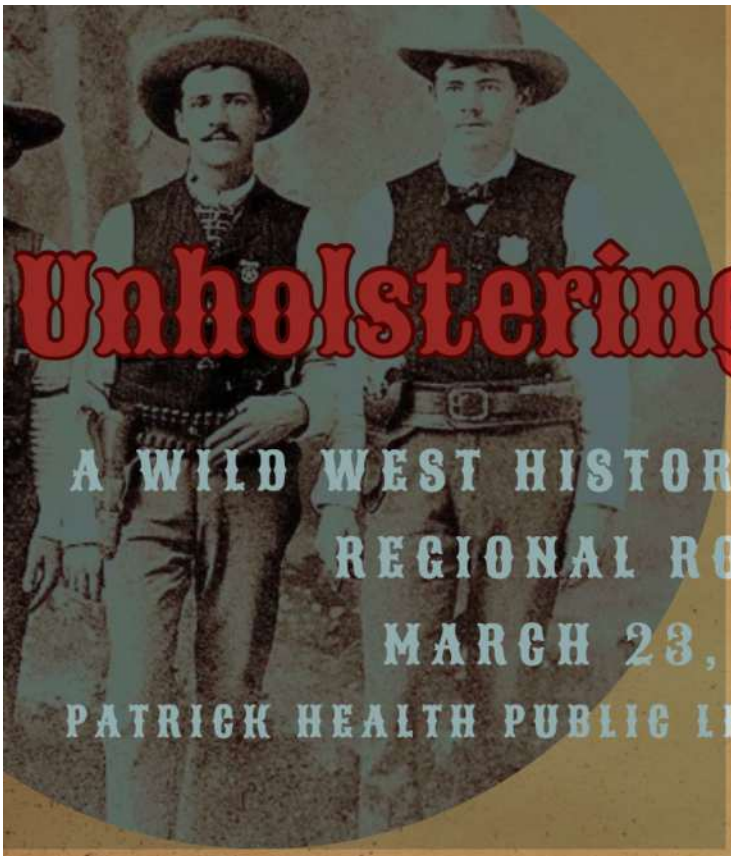
Welcome to the Saddlebag Newsletter. Here is the latest information from WWHA. Previously posted Saddlebag newsletters will be found by date further down this section in the list of available newsletters. All earlier information will be retained for reference.

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.

Our YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/@WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos is now monetized so WWHA gets paid for views**. Please subscribe, watch and like our videos, and you are contributing to WWHA. It is free and a win-win for WWHA.**

For those who remember B.J.'s Tombstone History Discussion Forum which went offline several months ago, here is the link to the History Archives. Thank you John K for preserving this important resource. http://tombstonehistoryarchives.com Here you will find transcripts of historical documents, research articles by authors and historians, insightful commentary by scholars and much more to aid you in your study of this fascinating chapter of American history.

Please RSVP to Pam Potter spiritwind2@hotmail.com for the box lunch for the Boerne, TX Regional Roundup. It is free for WWHA members. See the flyer below. Non-WWHA members are welcome to attend for free but the box lunch will be $10. It will be a great time to learn not only about Fred Dodge but some local Wild West History, cowboys, Texas Rangers, Indians and guns.



Unholstering History

A WILD WEST HISTORY ASSOCIATION REGIONAL ROUNDUP

MARCH 23, 2024

PATRICK HEALTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOERNE, TX

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

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

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

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

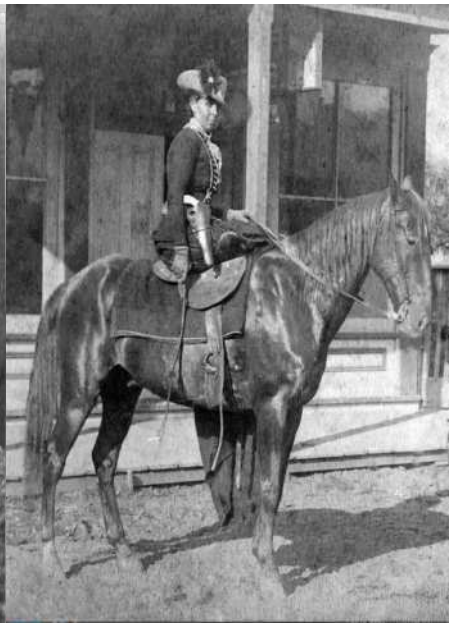
3:00 p.m.: Detective Fred Dodge and his Wells Fargo Shotgun, Ron Woggon & Jean Smith

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

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

WWHA 17TH ANNUAL ROUNDUP, FORT SMITH ARKANSAS, JULY 17-20, 2024

Iconic Wild West figures to be featured at the Roundup



2024 Roundup July 17-20, 2024, Wyndham Hotel, Fort Smith Arkansas.

An exciting schedule is planned with a panel on Black Hats, White Hats and Gray Hats, presentations on Bell Starr, Bass Reeves, Judge Parker (The Hanging Judge) Ned Christie and more of the usual and not so usual suspects. Stay tuned for more details on our presentations and a field trip to the U. S. Marshals Museum and more.

Contact the Wyndham Hotel 479-783-1000 for room reservations and be sure and tell them you are with the Wild West History Association to be included in our group rates.
More information coming soon.

Registration form below.

Wild West History Association 17th Annual Roundup

July 17-20, 2024 – Fort Smith, Arkansas

(If mailed, please print all information - or submit via website) Name: _____
Spouse or Others: _____

Address (city, state, zip): _____ E-mail: _____ Phone # _____

COMPLETE PROGRAM

Individual - $250.00 After July 1st - $275.00 Couple - $455.00 After July 1st - $485.00

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Registration Fees: NO REFUNDS after June 1st due to planning obligations.

SELECTED OPTIONS
Times number of Persons:
Reception Only - $55.00 _____ Thursday Only - $95.00 _____ Friday Only - $80.00_____
Saturday Only - $110.00 _____ Banquet Only - $65.00 _____

Children 12 and under, no fees except for banquet - $65.00 if eating plated meal Dues Renewal, if not already paid (see current rates in March Journal) _____

GRAND TOTAL $_____

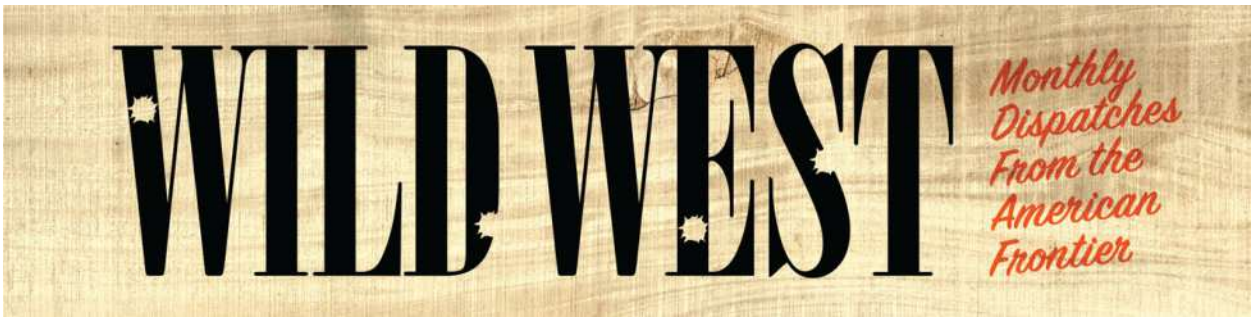
Method of Payment: For PayPal: treasurer@wildwesthistory.org
Or: Check to WWHA enclosed ____ Or: Master Card _____ Visa _____
Name on Card _____ Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature: _____
Security Code _____

Saturday Banquet Meal Choice: Beef ____Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___ (how many)

Mail to: WILD WEST HISTORY ASSOCIATION
Jean Smith, Treasurer, 993 E. Jennings St., Safford AZ 85546
Please note: Vendor forms and Roundup program Advertising Information is available on the website: www.wildwesthistory.org

Tell your god to ready for blood! **The new Journal will hit mailboxes March 11**. In it, Seth Bullock rides again, Wild Bill is outdrawn in Deadwood, one of Ed Masterson's accused killers goes free, at least for a while, and a sultry New Mexican outlaw takes centerstage. Get ready for a dynamite new issue!

We are sad to announce that *Wild West Magazine* will be publishing their last issue. We hate to s them go as they have long been a supporter of the Wild West History Association. We wish Dave Lauterborn and the rest of the staff, good luck on their new endeavors.



Howdy *Wild West* subscriber,

Coming to Zinio in late February will be the Spring 2024 issue, a paean to Old West performers. It is no ringmaster's bluster to say that it is the most cohesive, entertaining and beautifully designed issue we've ever published — from our cover story about the 1890 and 1906 tours of Italy by Buffalo Bill's Wild West ("Bravissimo, Buffalo Bill!" by Italian contributor Lorenzo Barruscotto) to our back-page profile of the movie set town of Mescal, Arizona ("Go West!" written and photographed by your editor).

In between are profiles of playwright Oscar Wilde's headline-grabbing 1882 lecture tour on behalf of Gilbert and Sullivan ("The Wilde Wild West," by Preston Lewis), Hollywood's ties to the Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West ("That 'Other' Wild West of Touring Fame," by E. Joe Brown), the rise to stardom and tragic fall of Victorian theater star Sue Robinson ("The Harsh Glare of the Footlights," by Carolyn Grattan Eichin), and the rollicking career of Texan rodeo legend Sam Privett ("The One and Only Booger," by Richard Selcer). Our portfolio traces horseman Will Grant's 142-day, 2,000-mile horseback journey along the Pony Express route ("Last Ride of the Pony Express").

Our "small screen" department offerings include an interview with "Ranger Doug" Green, founder of Riders in the Sky of cowboy music fame, as well as co-starring appearances by pocket-size "Fog Horn Jr." Clancy, stage-driving showman Frank Miller, Sioux dressed like Chinese Boxer rebels, Italian replica gunmakers and a town that welcomed *Gunsmoke* but never saloonmen or soiled doves. Cody biographer Steve Friesen also chimes in with the Top 10

events in Buffalo Bill's life and a list of books and films about the showman and first international celebrity.

Our team of four — your editor in chief, senior editor Jon Guttman, art director Austin Stahl and picture editor Alex Griffith — has outdone itself to publish a star-studded issue collectors will covet. Regrettably, what you won't find on Zinio is an encore issue of *Wild West*. After a rollicking 36-year run the magazine in book form — both print and digital — is suspending publication.

Thank you for your readership! We couldn't have made it this far without you, and we hope you'll join us on the road forward …

We will continue to publish on the HistoryNet website, with channels for all nine magazines, including *Wild West* . So, bookmark us and check regularly for interviews with compelling Westerners, reviews of the latest Western fiction and nonfiction, and news with a focus on Western history. You'll also have access to the decades-deep archives of award-winning articles that have earned *Wild West* seven Wranglers from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, six Spurs from Western Writers of America, a handful of Six-Shooters from the Wild West History Association and a pair of Will Rogers Medallions. On that score, we're not done striving yet, as we'll have several contenders in the 2024 and 2025 editions of each of those award competitions. We will also maintain our presence on Facebook.

As I wrote in my closing editorial for the spring issue, all things must eventually adapt or go the way of such 19th century relics as the Pony Express, the telegraph and the stagecoach. Time will tell whether we'll survive our move online. In the meantime, enjoy and download the latest issues of *Wild West* and our eight sister HistoryNet magazines on Zinio and visit us on Facebook. We'll continue to run and respond to your Letters on the website, so write us at WildWest@HistoryNet.com. Tell us what you love about *Wild West* and what you'll miss most about the print edition.

For us it will be the rustling of those colorful pages on opening each new issue back from the printer. The passing of an era.

Into the sunset for now …

— Dave Lauterborn, Editor

Order of the Indian Wars Presents

The Layton Hooper Indian Wars Symposium

Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (doors open at 8:30)

Colorado National Guard Headquarters Auditorium 6858 South Revere Parkway – Centennial, Colorado 80012 ***Dennis Hagen, Conference Chairman***

Five well-known speakers, morning coffee, juice and doughnuts, a full buffet lunch, authors and book sellers!

Price per person $50.00 if paid by April 18, or $60.00 at the door.

Our no-host party will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot Denver Tech Center, located at 6565 South Boston Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 721-0300 about 30 minutes after the closing of the symposium.

Send your $50.00 check to: OIW, P.O. Box 1650, Johnstown, CO 80534

2024 Conference Program:

Jerome Greene – ***My Two Summers at the Custer Battlefield***

James Mueller – **Misrepresenting as Much as They Please: The Press Covers Custer in the Indian Wars**

Steve Friesen – ***Buffalo Bill: Hunter, Scout . . . and Gourmet?*** Christopher Gabel – ***Railroads and Indians: A Transcontinental Tragedy***

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Supria Shroff –***The Three Army Surgeons with Custer at the Little Big Horn: One Came Home***

Directions to the National Guard Armory

From I-25, go east on Arapahoe Road to South Revere Parkway (1st light after Peoria). Turn south on South Revere Parkway, cross East Briarwood Avenue and Colorado National Guard Auditorium is inside the fenced parking area on your left at 6858 South Revere Parkway.

Lodging Arrangements

We are returning to the Courtyard by Marriot, Denver Tech Center, located at 6565 South Boston Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 721-0300. This is the same venue we used last year last year.
Call (303) 721-0300. Ask for Hannah and mention the OIW's special group rate when registering.
We are offering a Standard King room at $82.00 and a Double Queen room at $102.
You may also use this link:
https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1707233660463&key=GRP **to make your reservations online. Special price expires April 5**

Questions and additional information: call Dennis Hagen (303) 690-4450