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.

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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!!

Virginia City, Nevada

A covered Wagon Adventure

"In all my research I've found NO evidence that anyone ever said, "Wagons Ho".—-Wagon Captain Morris Carter of Historic Trails West, Mills, Wyoming.

"Fasten your seatbelts, its going to be a bumpy night."—-Betty Davis, in All About Eve-1958.

September 5th 2024 WWHA members Mary Carey and Cecilia Ogasawara, also known as The Crazy Colorado Carey Sisters, headed north on I-25 to Casper, Wyoming to attend WYO Red Hat Ladies annual gathering. Our hosts offered us two activity choices for Saturday September 7th: Shopping in Historic Downtown Casper or a covered wagon tour. Of course we chose the wagon tour. We certainly made the right
choice! Mary and I have been looking for an authentic wagon experience. NO hay wagon pulled by tractor with rubber wheels or a box lunch for us.

Captain Morris Carter and family of Historic Trails West are dedicated to teaching and recreating, as much as possible, the life of the original covered wagon pioneers. We were on a half day trip in an eight bow wagon, sometimes called a Prairie Schooner, all handmade by Morris Carter from original plans located in the Smithsonian Institution. In 1993 Captain Carter and his four daughters each drove a wagon, made by Carter, on the 2000 mile Oregon Trail from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon. The trek took 6 months and the account was written in the June, 2011 issue of True West Magazine.

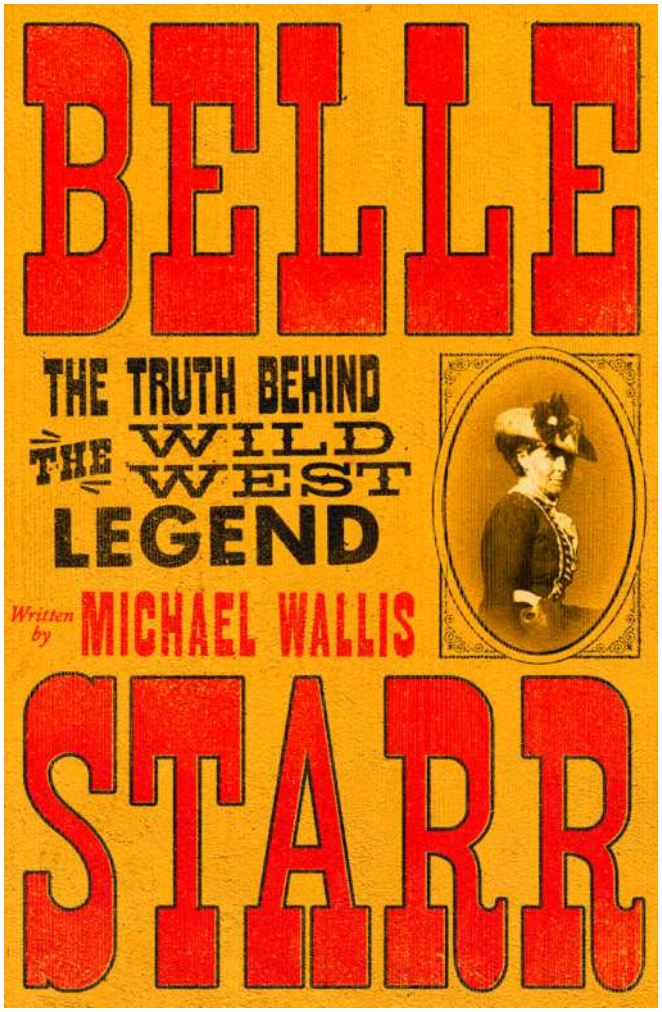
Things we learned on this memorable ride, in some of the most beautiful country I have seen: 1. A wagon pulled by Mules can travel 4 miles/hour. Horses can travel 3 miles/hour and oxen can travel 2 miles/hour. 2. Only the elderly and sick rode inside the wagon. Men, women, and children WALKED along side or behind the wagon. 3. The wagon train Captain is 1st in charge of group, the wagon Bosses, drivers of the other wagons and teams are next in line for keeping order. 4. The 1840s was the busiest period for travel by wagon trains. 5. Markings on rocks along the trails: The writings and dates are probably grave markers or messages for others coming later. In some places there is a marker every mile because there were so many deaths.

When we returned to base camp, beside the North Platte River, a delicious lunch of grilled pork loin, green beans and bacon, burned-on- the-bottom biscuits, baked potatoes, and strawberry cobbler, ALL cooked over charcoal in Dutch ovens, was waiting for us.

Now Mary and I are thinking of taking a 3 day trip. Who is owing join us?

Last month our member photo was of Roy Young, dressed as a cowboy. Who is this WWHA member from 1978 at the McLaury Ranch, outside Tombstone, Arizona?

Belle Starr: The Truth Behind The Wild West Legend
Coming June 24, 2025
In this definitive biography of the most famous female outlaw of the nineteenth century, best-selling historian Michael Wallis challenges a notorious legacy.



In the annals of legendary Wild West desperados, Belle Starr is remembered to this day as the Bandit Queen. Shortly after her murder in 1889, a highly romanticized, sensational book titled *Bella Starr . . . The Bandit Queen, or the Female Jesse James*was published—the first of scores of high-profile portraits to brand Starr as a villain. Now, celebrated historian Michael Wallis parses over a century of mythmaking to reveal the woman behind the "Wanted" poster. From war-torn Carthage, Missouri, to rollicking Scyene, Texas, Starr indeed ran in the same circles as notorious outlaws Cole Younger and Jesse James, but Wallis shows that the crimes ascribed to her were embellished. The result is a breathtaking portrait of a woman demonized for refusing to accept the genteel Victorian ideals expected of her. Instead, she chose to live her life outside the law, riding sidesaddle with a pearl-handled Colt .45 strapped to her hip.

Winter board meeting and the Southeastern Regional Roundup to be held at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA on February, 14-15 2025.

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Dave Guyton, Chair of this conference has provided the following information.
The Booth Museum has an ongoing deal with the Courtyard by Marriott for a discounted rate if you mention the museum when you make your reservations. It may be best to call them and speak to someone rather than making the reservation online in order to receive the discount.
The information is as follows:

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

The hotel is 3.5 miles/8 minutes from the museum. Again, just mention the Booth Museum when making the reservation. I have spoken to someone at the hotel to confirm this. Normal rates there are right at $200 per night. The discounted rate for a king room is $131. Also, if you are flying into Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta be aware that the museum is 53 miles from the airport so you will definitely need transportation.

The BoD meeting will begin at 10:30 Friday morning and will be held in the meeting room off the cafeteria. Lunch will be served in the meeting room. The museum hours are 10:00-5:00 thus the later than usual starting time.

Although details are still being worked out, we have confirmed that Dr. Gary Roberts, Victoria Wilcox, Mark Warren and Jim Dunham will make presentations. More to come on that later. The cost per person will be $50 which will include admission to the museum and a catered lunch in the museum ballroom on Saturday. You will be able to register on the WWHA website just as you would for the summer roundup, in the not-too-distant future.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out by email David Guyton swat0148@yahoo.com. Once all the details are worked out and firmed up there will be another update either by email or in the Saddlebag.

Christmas is coming. Consider buying a gift membership to WWHA for friends or family

Upcoming videos from the WWHA YouTube Channel
https://www.youtube.com/@WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos

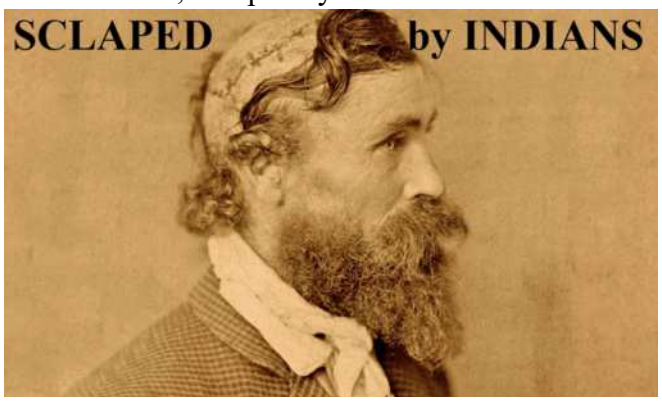
October 25, Killed Outlaw Sam Bass in a Gunfight

November 1, A Relic Hunters Dream

November 8, It is a Good Day to Die, Indians vs U.S. Army

November 15, Desperado, Lewis Musgrove Thieves Highwaymen and Murderers

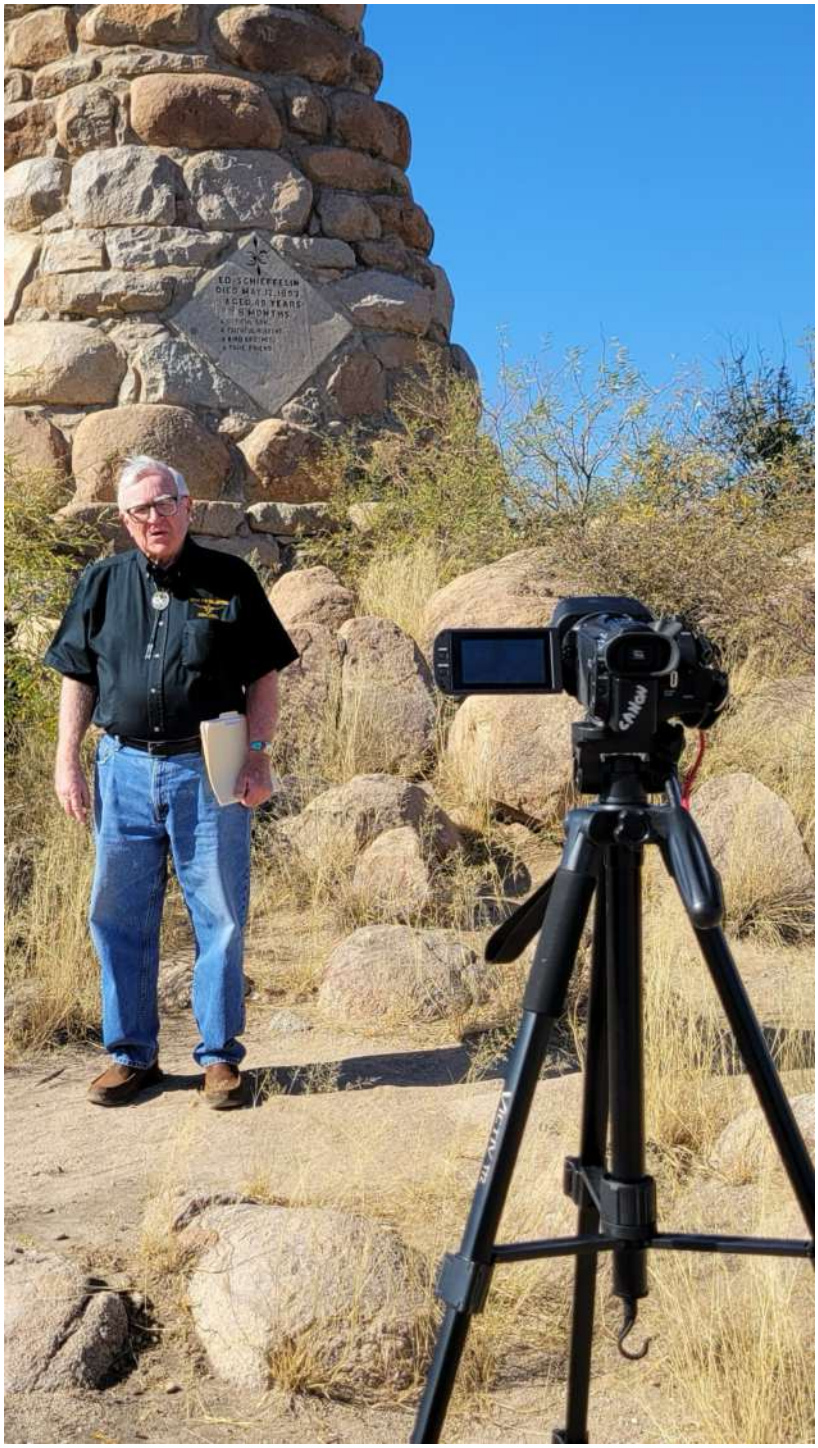
November 22, Scalped by Indians. The incredible Story of 13 Year Old Robert McGee.



Survived 14 Arrow and Spear Wounds.

November 29, Once Upon a Time in the Wild West

December 6, Santa Ana's Path to the Alamo Lost in Time Historical Markers Discovered



New video coming soon with Roy Young speaking about Ed Schieffelin, often credited as the "founder" or "father" of Tombstone . He was by his own words "a prospector." And, that he was from the age of 12 to the day he died at age 49. His time in the Tombstone Mining District was relatively short, encompassing only some three years. Yet, today when his name is mentioned it is most always associated with Tombstone. His mining career took him to most every Western state, though he didn't have good fortune anywhere else until his last month of life, in 1897. In Oregon, where he was raised by a "mining man" father, he was to find his last "strike." In his journal, found after his death from a heart attack, he wrote, "Struck it rich, again!" And, in a letter home, he stated that this strike would make Tombstone look like "salt." Yet, the description of 'where' this mine was located was so cryptic that it has never been found. A fascinating character, Ed Schieffelin lived a fascinating life.

From our President: If you have something positive to say about WWHA send a letter to the Editor of the Journal so we can all see what we are doing right. If it is negative, send a private email to the WWHA through our website or to one of the board members. We are always looking to grow and improve.

Chuck Wagon Wild Wild West Meat Loaf

1 lb. ground beef 80/20 blend, or ground chicken.
1 medium sweet onion, chopped. Vidalia is best.
1/2- large red bell pepper, chopped.
1- 10 oz can Original Ro-Tel "tomatoes and green chilies." Only use a little over ½ of can.
1- finely chopped "chipotle pepper in adobo sauce" from can, or a tablespoon of the juice.
1/2- cup SWEET BABY RAYS "Hickory and Brown Sugar" BBQ sauce.
1- heaping tablespoon yellow mustard.
3/4 - cup shredded Mexican blend cheese.
1- tsp garlic powder, or fresh garlic.
1- tablespoon Worcestershire.
1/2- of a jalapeno, finely chopped, seeds removed.
1- tablespoon Adams Reserve "Hickory House" all-purpose rub. (Amazon or HEB)
1/2- cup (or more) panko or flavored bread crumbs.
Set oven dial to "bake" and preheat to 400 degrees.
Add all ingredients above into a large bowl. Mix well with large spoon. Mix again.
Best to use a "meat-loaf" pan that is in 2 parts where the holes allow the grease to drain into the bottom pan. OR, I made my own using a small 9x12 oven rack placed over a oven safe glass or aluminum pan that catches the grease. I placed parchment paper over the rack, poked about 15 holes in it, which allows the grease to drain into the pan. Parchment keeps the loaf from sticking to the rack.
Cook uncovered for about 40-45 min or until inside center temp is 165-170. Remove meatloaf from rack with a metal spatula. It will try to fall apart, especially if you use chicken.
Best to serve with homemade baked beans.
Submitted by WWHA and SASS member U.S. Marshal Gash Hawkins