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. We now have over 8000 subscribers.**

Roundup next year, 2026.

The next Wild West History Association Annual Roundup will be held July 15-18, 2026 hosted by Albuquerque, New Mexico founded in 1706. New Mexico is the home to our largest roundup and next year will be held during the Centennial of Route 66. Nearby Albuquerque Sunport is a five- mile taxi ride to the Roundup headquarters held at The Crown Plaza Hotel at 1901 University Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87102 Hotel in Albuquerque, NM | Albuquerque Hotel | Crowne Plaza . City of Albuquerque Bus transportation will pick you up too and take you to the Alvarado Station Downtown. The Crown Plaza Hotel is a non- smoking resort with outdoor pool and bar located conveniently at the crossroads of Interstate 40 east/west and Interstate 25 north to Santa Fe. We're anticipating an opening Wednesday event at the Albuquerque History Museum and a guided field trip to Santa Fe. For those traveling west a self- guided automobile, Billy the Kid Trail Tour, from Las Vegas, New Mexico along the Pecos River with stops in Romeroville, Anton Chico, Santa Rosa, Puerto de Luna and Fort Sumner. For those traveling east a self-guided automobile, Elfego Baca Trail Tour, from Reserve, New Mexico with stops in Magdalena, Socorro and Albuquerque. For those traveling South The Taos, New Mexico The Kit Carson House and Museum https://www.kitcarsonhouse.org/ will host an open house and meet the man himself at Kit Carson Park at his resting place.

Hello Everyone,
WOW! The Reno Roundup was so much fun. All the credit goes to Gerald Schaefer “Doc” and Alan Blanchette for doing an amazing job in arrangements, Thank you.

Let's all give Ruth McWhirter a big hand too, she is such a hard worker, performing that difficult task of collecting silent and live auction items with managing the paperwork afterwards. No one does it better.

Jean Smith and Paula Jean Hunley took care of all the merchandise; we picked up some great shirts this year.

Glade and Sheri Fawson impressively handled the registrations for the first time this year. Those name badges were spectacular. Everything worked perfectly because everyone did their part.

We had a great time touring around Virginia City too, the old-time piano player at the Bucket of Blood Saloon kept us entertained for sure.

As I mentioned in my opening remarks at the Roundup, our Board of Directors work very hard year-round in preparation for these events. I want to request more volunteers to help the organization stay successful. I am grateful for those members who stepped up and into their new positions. We would like to recognize our two new board members, Gary Ohls and. Matt Bernstein. Elizabeth Weathers has retired as secretary and Paul Johnson will fill this position.

Please share your pictures if you've taken any during the event, upload them to our social media pages with comments.

We're looking forward to 2026 in Albuquerque, NM.

Thank you everyone,

Paul and Catherine Marquez

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Memories From the Reno Roundup July, 2025

We would like to thank the speakers for their topic selection and honoring their time allotment keeping the schedule on track. Our goal was to have a great Roundup, great food and fun. We hope we met that goal. Thanks to all the members who took the time to attend. "Doc"

Our Roundup Chairs “Doc Shores” and Alan Blanchette

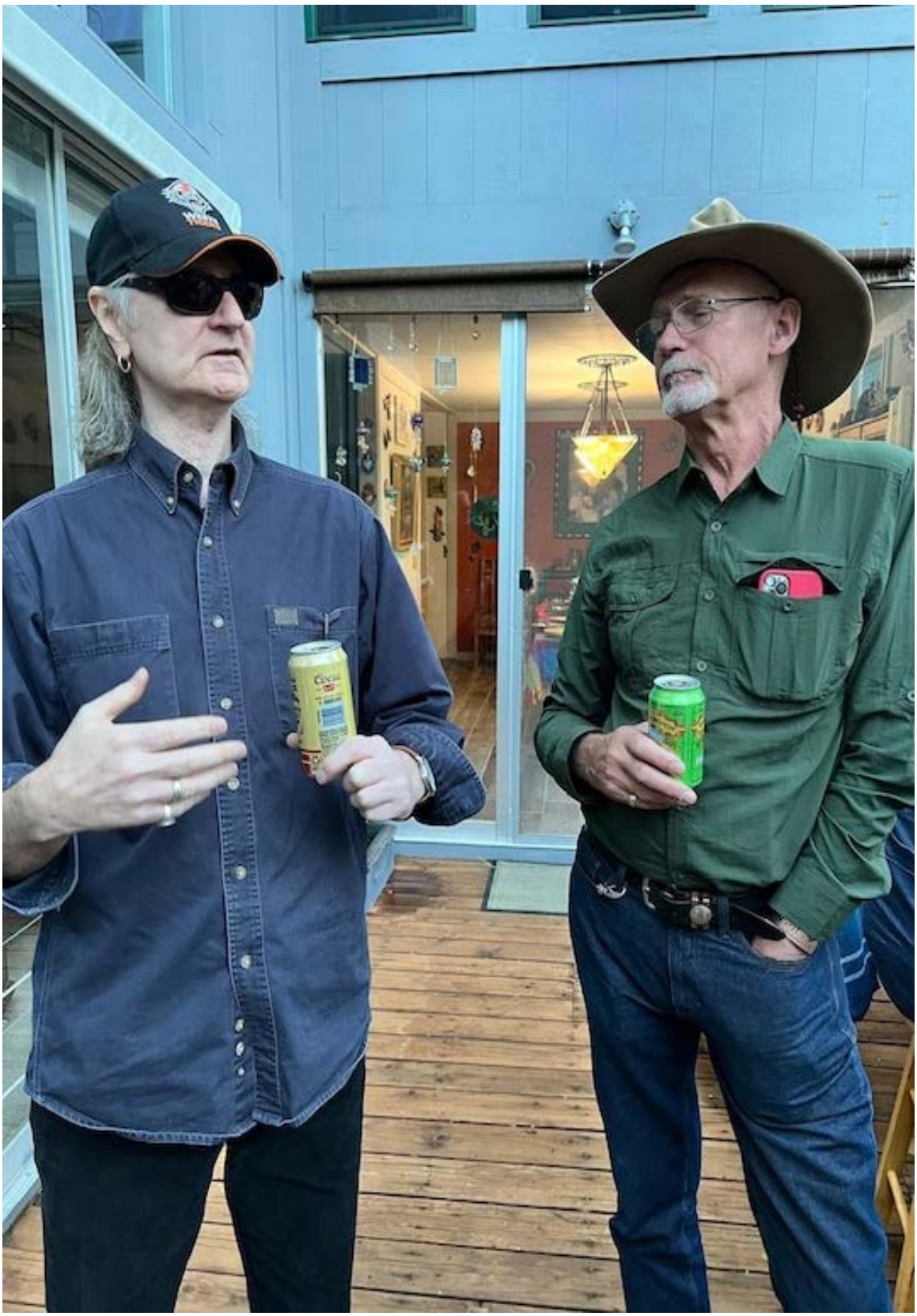
Peter Brand receiving his award for best book

Matt Bernstein receiving his award for best general article

RoyYoung interviewing John Boessenecker for “Evening With”

Fred Dodge Panel John Boessenecker, Casey Tefertiller, Jean Smith

A couple of foreigners invade the Roundup, Peter Brand and Michael Bell



Michael Bell

Office of The Mayor
City of Reno, Nevada
Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 2008, the National Association for Outlaw and Lawmen History and the Western-Outlaw History Association united and formed the world's primary Wild West history organization called the Wild West History Association (WWHA); and

WHEREAS, The WWHA is dedicated in providing publications and forums for the enlightenment and enjoyment of anyone interested in Wild West History; and

WHEREAS, The WWHA facilitates and encourages research, study, writing, presentation and preservation of the history of people, events and places that made the American West "wild"; and

WHEREAS, Reno, Nevada is proud to honor and support the WWHA's efforts to preserve and celebrate our western heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hillary L. Schieve, Mayor of the City of Reno, Nevada, do hereby declare

July 17, 2025

WILD WEST HISTORY ASSOCIATION DAY

In and for the City of Reno, we encourage all residents of the Biggest Little City in the World to welcome and celebrate the WWHA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the city of Reno, Nevada, to be affixed this 2nd day of June 2025.

Hillary L. Schieve, Mayor
City of Reno

ATTEST:

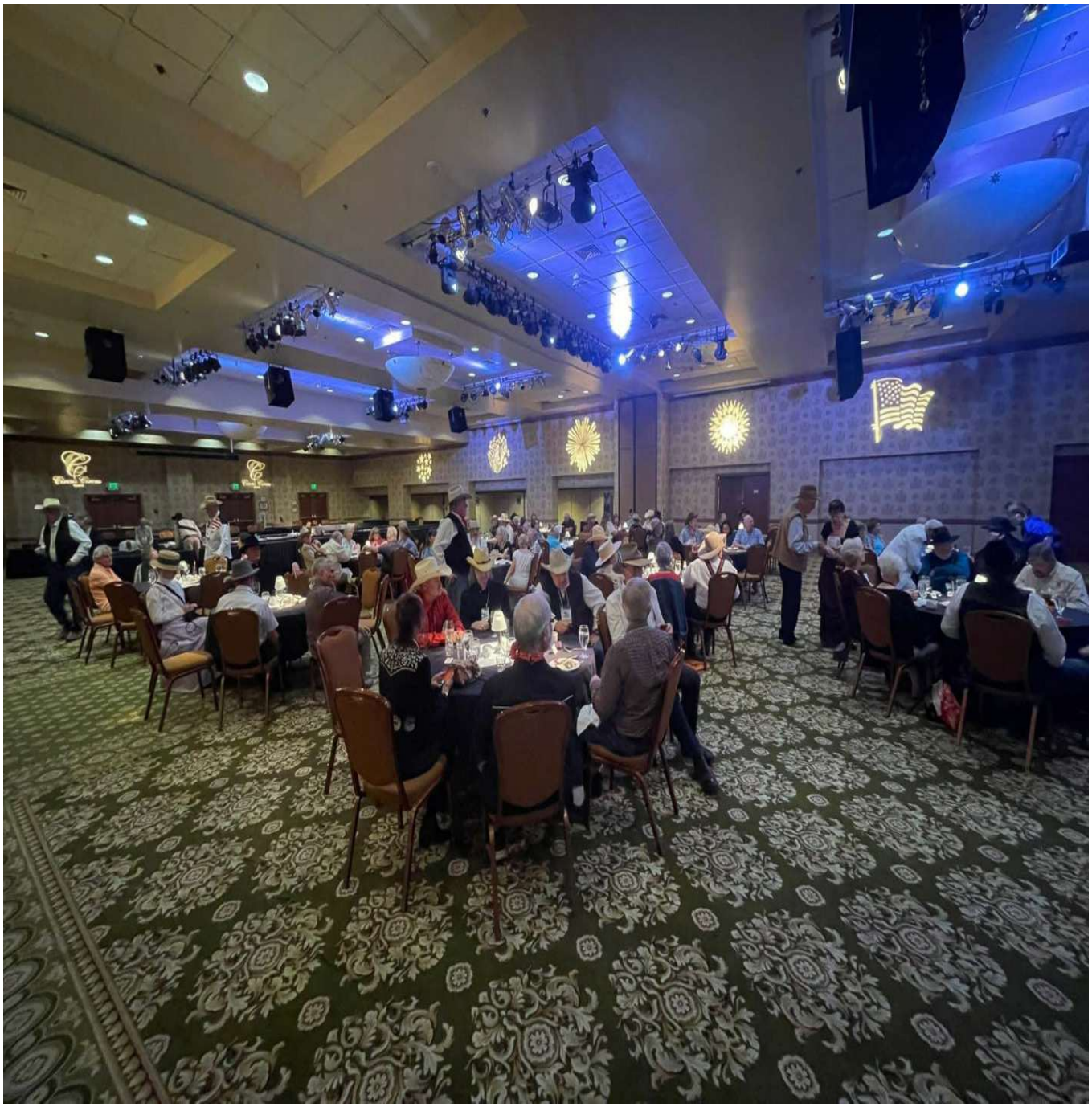
Mikki Huntsman, City Clerk
City of Reno

Members just want to have fun

Hanging out at the Bucket of Blood, Saloon, Virginia City, Nevada

Two of the spotters at the auction, Eddie Lanham and Kurt House

Who are these guys? It looks like Jim Dunham impersonating Mark Twain and our President, Paul Marquez



Saturday Night Banquet and live auction

Graciano and Cecy Ramirez

Catherine and Paul Marquez

All smiles

Pam Potter and Anne Collier

Wild West History Association
Six-Shooter Award Winners, 2025

1. Lifetime Contribution to Wild West History

Dave Lauterborn

Wild West Magazine Managing Editor and Editor, 2007-2024

2. Best Book on Wild West History

Dual Winners:

Peter Brand

Josephine "Sadie" Earp: The Sordid Truth 1870-1883,
September 2024

&

Corey Recko

The Colfax County War: Violence and Corruption in Territorial New Mexico, University of North Texas Press, July 2024

3. Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History

Margaret & Gary Kraisinger

"The West Shawnee Cattle Trail (or The Junction City, Kansas Route) Through Oklahoma, 1867-1871 Part 1 & 2"
The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Spring & Summer 2024

4. Best General Article on Wild West History

Matt Bernstein

"The Case of the Boiled Shirts:
Mark Twain and George Hearst in Virginia City"
Los Angeles Corral of Westerners Branding Iron, Summer 2024

5. Best WWHA *Journal* Article

James A. Bailey & Kurt House

"Death of Ben Thompson and King Fisher: Shooting Incident Reconstruction" WWHA *Journal,* September 2024

6. Outstanding Non-literary Individual Contribution

Eddie Lanham, Videographer

Wyatt & Josie "Sadie" Earp, Three-part Series.

7. Outstanding Non-literary Corporate Contribution

Pedro Soto

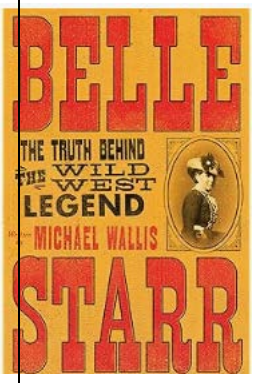
Journal Cover & Maps

8. Robert G. McCubbin Award

Fred Holobird

Leader as an auctioneer, collector,
dealer, printer, and publisher

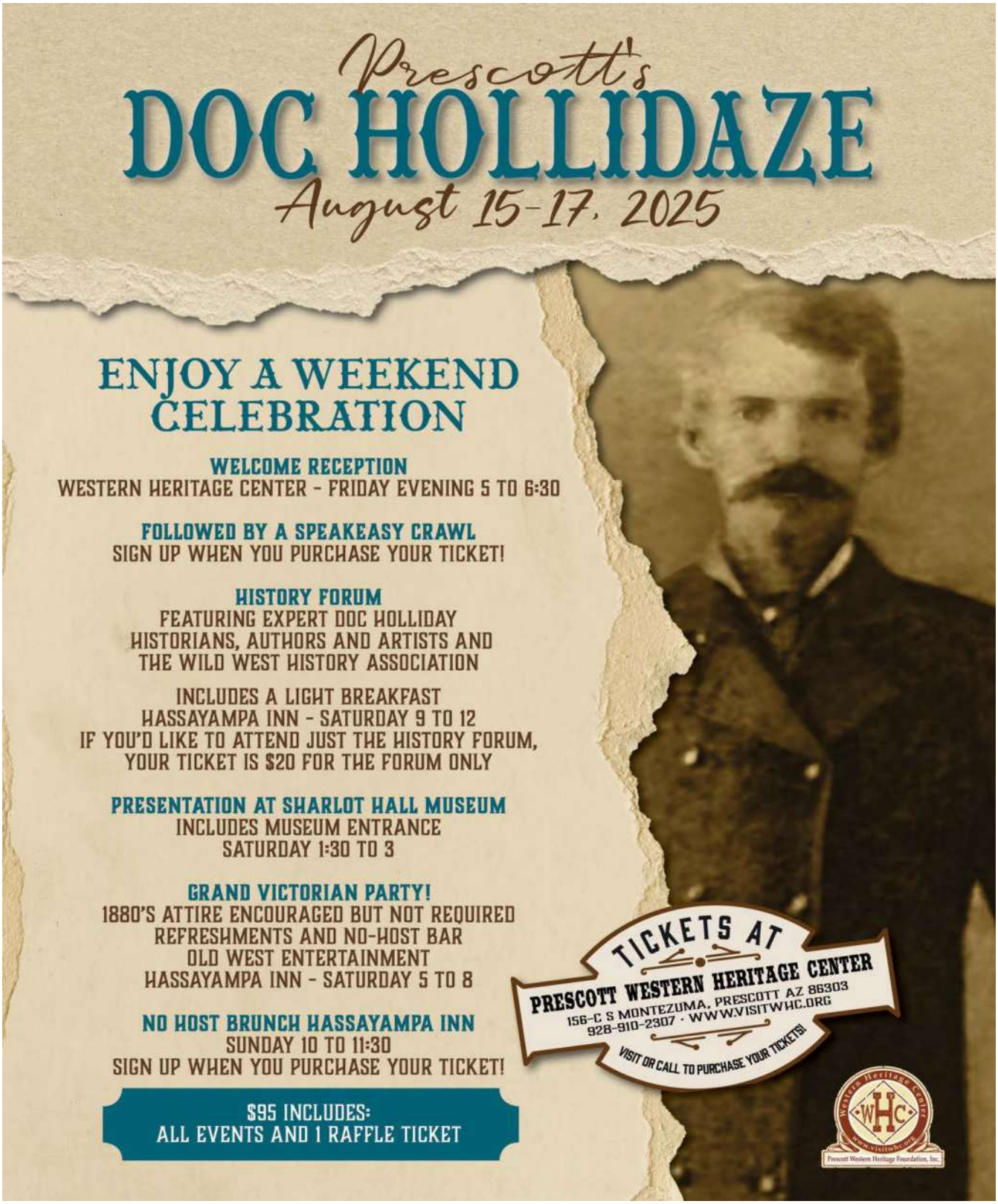
Beloved and respected historian, Chuck Parsons, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025. Chuck was well known to many of us in WWHA but his influence stretched far beyond our community. His many books on outlaws, lawmen and many of the Wild West characters, especially in Texas, are well known to anyone with an interest in history. His books are well researched and he was a boots on the ground researcher. I visited a few cemeteries with him. He was supported by his wife Pat as both a fellow researcher and loving wife and partner. Chuck was very involved with his church and family and loved by those who knew him. He was 85 years old**. Chuck's memorial service will be at Prairie Lea Baptist Church 6825 TX-80 Prairie Lea TX, August 9 at 3 pm,** followed by a meal provided by the church and friends. Happy trails, Chuck, you will be missed.



Congratulations to member Michael Wallis

Belle Starr book is ranked No. 1 in non-fiction on the Oklahoma Bestsellers List.

WWHA will be present at The 41st Annual Rocky Mountain Book and Paper Fair, Fri. and Sat. August 15th ,16th, 2025, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Colorado.



Don't forget this fun upcoming event. Several WWHA members will be there.

Denver Posse of Westerners meeting July 23, had a good WWHA representation,
Bob Pulcifer and his daughter Heidi, Ed Bathke, and Keith Dameron.
Myself and a guest, my sister Karen Martinez, who loves Wild West History too.
Dinner was excellent and the presentation was about the possible preservation of our historic South Platte Hotel.

Paul Marquez

Handcrafted Native American pieces made for WWHA live auctions.

By Julie A. Lamm, Erie, Colorado
Shoshone/Sac and Fox Tribe

Brain tanned elk hide Rifle Scabbard/Sleeve

"These rifle sheaths were made to protect and ward-off rain, dust, and bad medicine.

Brain tanned split elk hide Baby Moccasins

Julie's 102-yr old Grandmother-Lasley (d.1988), of Tama, Iowa, showed her how to make moccasins, "The person who makes the moccasins for the new baby is Blessed, also signifying a new generation into the tribe when brought to the new parents.

"Knife Scabbard, 6 weeks to bead, holds good spirits."

Brain tanned split elk hide Porcupine Quill bag.

Julie says, “only women who were the best at this were invited to the Quill Work Society, her Grt-Grandmother, Mrs. George Davenport, her Grt- Grt-Grt-Auntie Arvela Mullagan, and her Grandmother Black Cloud passed these methods on to her, it’s been prayed over while making and blessed by her grandson, a Lakota Sioux Medicine Man.

“I want to support Wild West History Association for all your hard work in telling the truth of Western History.”

Julie Lamm

Erie, CO
Spirit Horse

Aunt and close family friend of Paul Marquez

HAPPY TRAILS