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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WWHA Journal – June 2023

The June 2023 issue of the WWHA *Journal* is in the mail. Along with it, every member will receive a copy of the official Roundup program. The next issue of the *Journal* will be in September, followed by the December issue. Both will be chock-full of great articles on our favorite topic, the Wild West!

ROUNDUP NEWS

The 16th Annual WWHA Roundup is set for July 12-15, 2023, at the world-famous Menger Hotel in San Antonio. Call the Menger to make your guest room reservations now. Ask for "Wild West History Association" guest room rates for a considerable discount.

Address: 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: (210) 223-4361

The Roundup registration form is available on the WWHA website: www.wildwesthistory.org. The form may be submitted directly from the website to our treasurer, Jean Smith, or downloaded and mailed. Additionally, a copy of the registration form appears in the March WWHA *Journal* and may be copied and mailed with appropriate fees. The Vendor form and information on selling or displaying at the Roundup may also be obtained on the website.

For your convenience and to entice you a bit, below is the Roundup schedule:

San Antonio Roundup Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 12th

9:00 - 3:00 Board of Directors Meeting – Cavalier Room, Menger Hotel

12:00 - 1:00 Board Luncheon, Cavalier Room

1:00 - 5:00 Roundup Registration - Turn in silent and live auction items - Ballroom Foyer

1:00 - 5:00 Vendor/Exhibitor Set-up - Ballroom

6:00 – 7:30 Opening Reception – Don Strange Ballroom - Buckhorn Saloon & Museum, 108 E. Houston Street. Telephone: (210) 247-4000. Provide own transportation or enjoy easy walk to site two blocks west of Menger Hotel. Please wear badges for this and all scheduled events. Cash Bar, Light Buffet, Camaraderie and Roundup Announcements

Thursday, July 13th - * Unless noted all remaining events will be held in the Menger Ballroom***

8:00 - 5:00 Roundup Registration - turn in silent and live auction items

8:00 - 9:00 Final Vendor/Exhibitor Set-up

9:00 - 9:30 Pam Potter, Kurt House, Dave George, Roundup Chairs
Welcome, Acknowledge Special Guests, Announcements, Roundup Overview

Comments by Jim Dunham, President of WWHA

Texas Ranger representative (appearance tentative)

9:30 – 12:05 Morning Programs

9:30 – 9:55 Madison Harrell – "Mathew 'Old Paint' Caldwell"

10:00 - 10:25 Bradley Nevill – "Orlando Camilla "Deaf Charlie" Hanks"

10:25 – 10:40 Morning Break/ Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Open

10:40 - 11:05 John Boessenecker – "Texas Ranger Frank Hamer"

11:10 – 11:35 Harold Weiss – "Texas Ranger Captain Bill McDonald"

11:40 – 12:05 Paul Marquez – "Juan Seguin"

12:15 - 1:15 Six-Shooter Awards Luncheon, Pam Potter and Jim Dunham, co-chairs

1:30 – 5:00 Afternoon Programs

1:30 – 1:55 Tom Bicknell – "San Antonio's Fatal Corner"

2:00 - 2:25 Kurt House – "Death of Ben Thompson & King Fisher. Who Was In Charge?

2:25 – 2:40 Afternoon Break - Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Bids

2:40 - 3:05 Chuck Parsons "King Fisher"

3:10 – 3:35 Dr. James Bailey – "Forensics of the Shootout at the Vaudeville Theatre"

3:35 - 3:50 Break – Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Bids

3:50 – 4:15 Bill O'Neal – "Colonel Rip Ford of the Texas Rangers"

4:15 - 5:00 Announcements - Visit vendors, Silent Auction Open

5:00 – Evening Free

Friday, July 14th

8:00 – 12:30	**Roundup Registration - turn in silent and live auction items**
8:45 – 9:00	**Announcements, Today's and Tonight's Schedule**
9:00 – 9:25	**Steve LeSueur – "The Murders of Frank LeSueur & Gus Gibbons by the Wild Bunch"**
9:30 – 9:55	**Gary Ohls – "Showdown at Langtry, Texas, 1896"**
9:55 – 10:10	**Morning Break – Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Bids**
10:10 – 10:35	**Victoria Wilcox – "Doc Holliday in Texas"**
10:40 – 11:05	**Dave George – "Bet-a-Million Gates"**
11:05 – 11:20	**Break – Visit Vendors – Silent Auction Bids**
11:20 – 12:20	**Panel Discussion – "Texas Ranger History" Panelists: Harold Weiss, John Boessenecker, Mike Cox, Chuck Parsons**
12:20 – 12:30	**Announcements, Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Bids**
12:30 – 7:00	**Afternoon Free. Tours of Menger Hotel, Visit the Alamo, River Walk, Nearby Museums**
7:00 - 8:00	**Evening Program**
	"An Evening With...." To honor one of our own. Roy Young, moderator

Saturday, July 15th

8:30 - 12:00	**Roundup Registration, Silent Auction Open**
9:00 – 9:10	**Announcements, Evening Banquet Information**
9:10 – 9:30	**Annual WWHA Business Meeting, including Election of Board Members President Jim Dunham, presiding**
9:30 - 9:45	**"The Last Roundup" Memorials for Deceased Members: Led by Roy Young and Gerald Schaefer**
9:45 - 10:10	**Donna Harrell – "Peace and Tragedy: The Outlaw Youngers Life in Texas"**
10:10 - 10:30	**Morning Break – Visit Vendors, Silent Auction Open**
10:30 – 11:30	**Annual Gunfighters Session – Gerald Schaefer and Kurt House, Co-Chairs Speaker: Mike Cox - "History of the Texas Rangers"**
11:30 – 11:45	**Important Announcements. Yes, very important!**
11:45 - 12:30	**Final Opportunity to visit vendors**

12:30 - 2:00 **Vendor/Exhibitor Tear-Down**

12:30 - 2:00 **Gunfighters - Members Only - Luncheon - Minuet Room**

12:30 - 5:00 **Afternoon Break**

5:00 - 11:00 **Annual "Boots and Spurs Banquet" Dress-Up Occasion - Please Wear Badges**

5:00 - Cash Bar Open all evening, Entertainment – Ramirena Creek Performers

6:00 - 6:45 Plated Dinner, please place your meal card in front of you; it will be found behind your badge

6:45 - 7:00 **Presidents Awards - Jim Dunham, Silent auction closes**

7:00 – 8:00 **WWHA Live Auction**

8:00 - 8:15 **Fort Smith Roundup Plans, 2024, Elizabeth Weathers, Charlotte Steele, Michael Wallis, Jan Streubing, Co-Chairs**

8:15 – 8:30 **Closing Remarks, San Antonio Roundup Chairs**

8:30 – 11:00 **Entertainment, Mariachi Jaliscience**

Mariachi Jalisciense de San Antonio is a group of professionals with an extensive repertoire.

The Ramirena Creek Performers are from a variety of places in Texas. The troupe performs gunfights all over the country, and brings the mystique of the Wild West to life. The group fully immerses their audience in the wild night life of the Victorian era through tales of the wild frontier adventure, teaching people parlor and saloon games, involving them interactions, gun spinning and bull whip cracking. Borderland outlaws, Saloon Girls, everyday cowboys, and dandy gamblers round out this motley crew!

WWHA Roundup Auctions

Please bring any auction donations to the San Antonio Roundup. Or, if you cannot attend the event, please send to Ruth McWhirter, Auction Chair, 1548 Pecan Ridge Drive, Collierville, Tennessee, 38013. Please notify her in advance of shipping at lilyruthmcw@gmail.com.

Special Menger Hotel Tours Available

The Menger Hotel has a historic tour of this historic property that they can provide. Roundup attendees can sign up for the tour that will take place early on Friday afternoon. The tour guide at the Menger is willing and ready to give a great tour. The Menger recommends groups of max 30 people for a 30 or 40 minute tour. More than one group can be arranged if needed. No charge for this but gratuities are appreciated.

Subscribe to the WWHA YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/c/wildwesthistoryassociation (free) and you will be notified when each of the new videos listed below is released. Upcoming videos:

Who Killed Johnny Ringo; Bass Reeves 1883 Mini Series; Captain Sam Walker and the Battle of Walker Creek; Dead Man's Hole; Tombstone Hills and the Clanton Ranch; The Great Commanche Raid; Ash Upson, The Man Who Invented Billy the Kid; Black Bart, The Gentleman Bandit; A Last Serenade for Billy Bonney; The YO Ranch Headquarters; Child Captaives of Commanche and Apache Indians; Scott Cooley, Comanche Indian Fighter; Calamity Jane; Outlaw O.C. Hanks Headstone Dedication; Brown Bowen Hanged by Mistake?

Editor Search

With the coming retirement of our long-time WWHA Publications Editor Roy B. Young taking place at the end of 2023, as announced in the March *Journal*, we have begun an "editor search."

All interested parties with a background in producing high-quality publications are invited to contact WWHA for particulars about the various responsibilities involved in the role of publications editor.

Contact:
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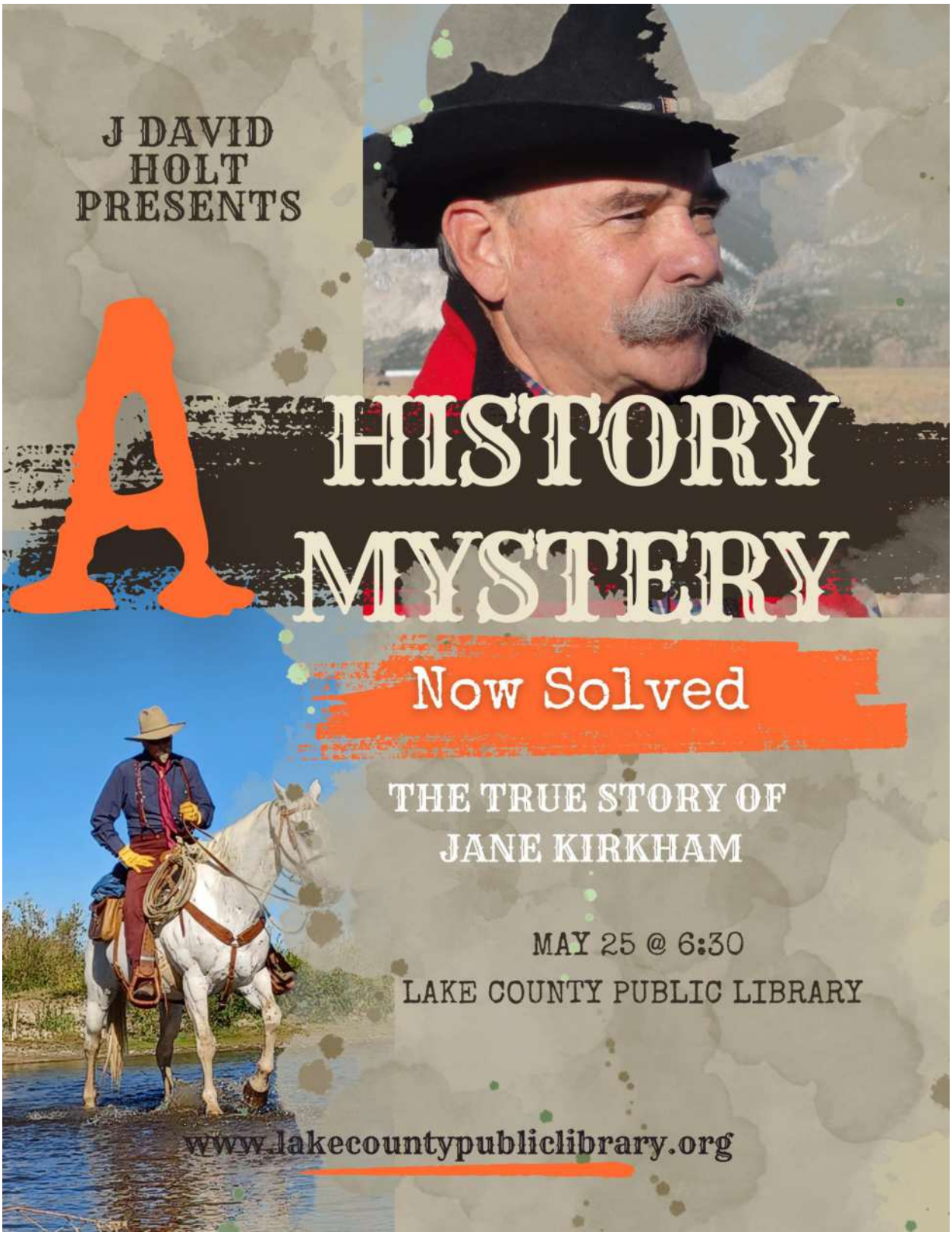
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Press Release
May 2023

Tombstone 30th Cast Reunion
June 23-25, 2023

History meets Hollywood in the town 'Too Tough to Die' when cast & crew from the famous movie 'Tombstone' come out to celebrate 30 yrs. of the famous film!

The town is a wonderland of Western history and activity on any day, and we will be offering a bevy of fun-filled activities and opportunities to entertain you on this special weekend.

Meet The Stars: Among those scheduled to appear are Michael Biehn (*Johnny Ringo*), Dana Wheeler-Nicholson (*Mattie Earp*), Joanna Pacula (*Kate*), Christopher Mitchum *(Hooker's Ranch Forman*), John Philbin & Robert Burke (*Tom & Frank McLaury*) & Peter Sherayko (*Texas Jack Vermillion*). With more to come!

The cast will be signing autographs & greeting fans Saturday from 10-4 & Sunday 10-2 inside Wyatt Earp's Oriental Saloon. And Michael Biehn will be at Vintage Cowgirls. Entrance is free to the public; the cast will be charging for signatures and pictures.

There will be two shows to enjoy, both designed to share the 'inside information' on the making of the iconic movie. And both inside historic Scheifflin Hall! Emcee: Hollywood Historian Julie Ann Ream

Friday, 7-9 PM begins with '*Mescal Movie Set*': Mescal's own Mark Sankey will share his knowledge as he hosts a group of experts who will be sharing inside information on the making of this iconic film, which was shot on the famous Mescal Movie Set. It will be followed by The '*Birth of the Buckaroos*': Peter Sherayko, who played *'Texas Jack*,' will share the "behind the scenes" history of what he did for this film and how the Buckaroos came to be.

Saturday, 7-9 PM is our *Actors Symposium,* where the cast shares their stories on the making of the movie and answers questions put to them by the audience. There will also be a *Western Legends Award* presentation made during the evening.

A select group of authors has been chosen to have their books for sale inside the foyer of Scheifflin Hall both before and after the Friday & Saturday night shows. Tickets are available online.

In addition to the great restaurants around town, there will also be food trucks for you to enjoy, scheduled gunfights, True West Magazine will be on hand, and a gun raffle will be held all weekend. Tickets will be available for purchase throughout the weekend, and actor Peter Sherayko will pull the winning ticket on Sunday afternoon.

Please join us in the town of Tombstone to celebrate this historic anniversary. A unique way to celebrate an iconic movie … with its STARS!

Produced by Gordon Anderson

Please visit www.Tombstone30th.com for tickets and information.
Follow us on Facebook : Tombstone30th.Reunion
Tombstone Forward is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that promotes Tombstone, Arizona to enhance visitor's experience at the historical town "to tough to die".

Congratulations Linda Wommack

WWHA member and WWHA *Journal* columnist Linda Wommack as just received the good news that she has been selected for induction into the Colorado Authors Hall of Fame. The event will be September, 11, 2023. Linda has promised to send us a picture from the event and we will publish it in the first WWHA publication afterwards. *Congratulations, Linda!*

WHERE ARE THE FRANK WATERS - ALLIE EARP INTERVIEW NOTES?

From 1935 to 1936, author Frank Waters conducted a number of interviews with Alvira "Allie" Earp, wife of Virgil Earp, for a book that was to tell the story of the Earps and Tombstone from Allie's perspective. The resulting manuscript was rejected by more than one publisher in 1937 and 1938 but was eventually published, in a revised form, in 1960 under the title *The Earp Brothers of Tombstone: The Story of Mrs. Virgil Earp*.

According to William Shillingberg, in his introduction to a 2004 auction catalog of the "Collections of John D. Gilchriese," Frank Waters gave Gilchriese, a close friend and Earp biographer, "all the original notes of his interviews with Virgil's widow." Those original notes were not part of the 2004 auction, but it's known that Gilchriese made several private sales toward the end of his life, some of which included unpublished manuscript materials.

An online search fails to turn up the Waters-Earp interview notes in a public institution. If any WWHA member knows of the whereabouts of these notes and is willing to pass along that information, please contact Mark Lee Gardner at wahtoyah@yahoo.com. Gardner, whose latest book is *The Earth Is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation*, is currently working on a book that focuses on the relationship between Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday.