



## JANUARY SADDLEBAG

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Welcome to the Saddlebag Newsletter. Here is the latest information from WWHH. 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 WWHH gets paid for views. **Please subscribe, watch and like our videos, and you are contributing to WWHH. It is free and a win-win for WWHH.**

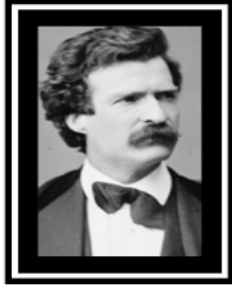
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*Roundup 2025 The Comstock Lode and the Mining Frontier!*

Don't miss this exciting event. Buffalo Bill, Tombstone characters, Wild Bunch, The Donner Party, Mark Twain and more will be represented. Something for everyone. There will be traditional programs such as "An evening with" and the Awards Lunch . Plan to spend a fun day in Virginia City. There will be some new action and an appearance by Mark Twain.

,Rooms at Circus Circus can be made direct: book online by June 24 at the casino website.  
<https://www.caesars.com/circus-circus-reno/hotel> Use, [passkey.com/go/SRWWH5](https://passkey.com/go/SRWWH5). This is the preferred.

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**

**407**  
**N. Virginia St.**  
**Reno,**  
**Nevada**

← Tombstone Festival of Western Books at historic Schieffelin Hall. Craig Johnson, author of the Longmire series, will be in attendance. This is an opportunity for the public to meet local and fledgling authors alongside some of the best in the business. Among those to whom an invitation has been extended are the descendants of Geronimo, Wyatt Earp, and Soapy Smith as well as Faro Phil. Contact: [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org) →

# TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS

Book Signing with  
**Craig Johnson**  
*Longmire* author

**Friday, March 14, 2025**  
**Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone**

Photos with  
Geronimo  
Wyatt Earp  
Soapy Smith  
& Faro Phil



**Our sponsors include:**

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In a Fox Business video about the resurgence of Westerns they say:

*"In the end, it's the American viewing audience who wins by the revival of the Western genre. In a broader sense, it's emblematic of who we are as a nation — from our arrival and eventual migration west, to the struggles everyday Americans face in 2024. We've always had that pioneering spirit, and this category of film serves as a well-timed reminder."*

*It is also a way to loose yourself, for a little while, in someone else's reality instead of your own."*

We need to capitalize on this statement to convince the younger and future generations that Western history is important and why. We are unique. The American pioneer, Native Americans, explorers, immigrants, outlaws, lawmen and cowboys all generate a feeling of adventure, independence, and romance. From the Mayflower to the Boston Tea Party, Revolutionary War, Louis and Clark, Mountain Men, Cowboys and Cattle Ranchers our history has garnered the attention of people throughout the world. This is supported by the fact that many of our members and members of our Facebook page are from foreign countries. The mystic of the 19<sup>th</sup> century should become more appealing as we progress further and further away from those days of yester year:



WWHA members Roy Young, Steve Rossignol and videographer, Eddie Lanham, visiting the jail in Blanco, Texas where Al Lackey was incarcerated before he was lynched. Look for an upcoming video and article about the Lackey Massacre by Roy Young.



Eddie Lanham, Dave George and the owner of the Buggy Barn, Dennis Moore, Blanco, Texas. <https://www.buggybarnmuseum.com> If you watch Westerns, chances are you have seen some of Dennis's wagons in 1883, True Grit, Bass Reeves, Killers of the Flower Moon and more. His passion and knowledge about each wagon is evident. Each buggy has a story. Watch for our videos on both the Lackey massacre and the Buggy Barn Museum.





Buggies galore.



### **Gone to the last Roundup**

WWHA member Don Chaput passed away December. 11, 2024. Don was 90, and he was born in Houghton County, Michigan. He went to college at Michigan State. Some of his books include Virgil Earp: Western Peace Officer, Empire of Sand, and with David D. de Haas The Earps Invade Southern California and Tombstone, Arizona Mystique. Don was a frequent contributor to Western history and will be missed by many.



WWHA Welcomes two new "Gunfighters", who choose to contribute a higher membership fee that help support the work of WWHA: Dona Owen, Roswell, NM, Jason Ramirez, Conroe, TX

Thank you and congratulations.



**Don't forget our upcoming Regional Roundups.**

## **2025 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ROUNDUP**

**FEBRUARY 15**



### **BASIC INFORMATION**

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**

**Hit the “Donate” button to register.**

[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.**







The annual Wild West seminar will be held Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Part 1

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



WWHA SIX-SHOOTER AWARDS 2024 Publications

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED DEADLINE – April 15, 2025

We are pleased to announce the 2025 WWHA Awards Program. These awards are intended to recognize and honor those who have contributed the most to research, writing and service to the history of the Wild West during 2024. Nominations are due by April 15, 2025.

Please furnish the name, full address with zip code, phone number with area code, and email address, applicable, for each person nominated. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the WWHHA Reno Roundup in July. Come and celebrate with us!

NOTE 1: In keeping with the WWHHA focus and goals, the specific subjects eligible for consideration are Lawmen, Outlaws, Gunfighters, Rustlers, Vigilantes, Shady Ladies, Frontier Scouts, Buffalo Hunters, Feuds, Cattle Trails, Cow- towns, Indian Wars, Mining Camps, and all other Wild West subjects.

NOTE 2: In an effort to recognize and encourage new authors, the winners of literary awards—both books and articles—must not have won in the same category in the previous year.

#### I. WWHHA Six-Shooter Award for Lifetime Contributions to Wild West History

- This award is given to an individual who, over an extended period of time (suggested 25+ years), has contributed significantly to the field of research and documentation of Wild West history.
- The nomination must be made, and signed, by a WWHHA member.
- The nomination should be in typed format with a thorough discussion of why the nominee should be recognized,

including citing of research, published books or articles, memberships in Western History organizations, and any other specific acts to confirm nominee's extensive activities.

#### II. WWHHA Six-Shooter Award for Best Book on Wild West History - \$500.00 CASH PRIZE!

- Submission may be made by a WWHHA Member, the author, or the publisher.
- The book must have been published in 2024, and the Subject matter should fit within the core period of 1850-1925.
- Nominated books will be judged on the basis of content, accuracy, readability, and overall presentation of material.
- Three copies of each book should be submitted for review by the panel of readers.

#### III. WWHHA Six-Shooter Award for Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

- This award will recognize an author whose article was published in a recognized Old West/Western History magazine or newspaper (other than the WWHHA Journal) during 2024.
- The nomination must be made by a WWHHA member, the author, or the publisher.

- · The entry for this award will be judged on subject matter, content, accuracy, readability, and overall presentation.
- · Three copies of each article plus the cover page (photocopy acceptable) of the periodical showing date of publication should be submitted.

#### IV. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best General Article on Wild West History - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

· This award will recognize an author whose commercial article was published outside of the WWHA Journal.

#### V. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Best WWHA Journal Article - \$250 CASH PRIZE!

· This award will recognize an author whose article was published in the WWHA Journal for the previous year. The article for this award will be judged on subject matter, content, accuracy, readability and overall presentation.

#### VI. President's Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service to the Association

· This award will be determined and presented by President Paul Marquez, honoring the most deserving individual for service to the WWHA.

#### VII. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Outstanding Contribution to Wild West History by an Individual.

- · The award is to recognize other contributions (non-literary) to Wild West history, including art work, films, recordings (CDs, videos, etc.) or events.
- · There is no time limit on when this contribution was made.
- · The nomination must be made by a WWHA member, the creator, or the distributor.
- · Three copies of the item or written discussion of the event must be submitted for judging purposes.

#### VIII. WWHA Six-Shooter Award for Outstanding Contribution to Wild West History by an Organization.

- · The award is to recognize other contributions (non-literary) to Wild West history, including art work, films, recordings (CDs, videos, etc.) or events.
- · There is no time limit on when this contribution was made.
- · The nomination must be made by a WWHA member, the creator, or the distributor.
- · Three copies of the item or written discussion of the event must be submitted for judging purposes.

Send Books: Tim Hagaman, P.O. Box 143, Mora, NM 87732 Email: timhagaman@msn.com

Send Articles: Donna Harrell, 3106 W Louise Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85027 Email:

dmrosejyg@cox.net Nominations for I, VI, VII, and VIII should be sent to Tim Hagaman Awards Chair, timhagaman@msn.com

Last Year's Six-Shooter Award Winners.

1. Lifetime Contribution to Wild West History

Michael Wallis

2. Best Book on Wild West History

John Boessenecker, Gentleman Bandit: The True Story of Black Bart, The Old West's Most infamous Stagecoach Robber

Hanover Square Press, March 2023

3. Best Scholarly Article on Wild West History

Jeff Broome, "Walnut Creek Massacre of July 18, 1864"

Denver Westerns Roundup, Oct 2023

4. Best General Article on Wild West History

Mark Lee Gardner, "The Strange and Mesmerizing Death of the Outlaw Jesse James"

5. Best WWAH Journal Article

Peter Brand, "Josephine 'Sadie' Earp's Sordid Secrets and Lies"

WWAH Journal, March 2023

6. Meritorious Service

Jean Smith

7. Outstanding Non-literary Individual Contribution

James Locke, The Long Ride, 2010

8. Outstanding Non-literary Corporate Contribution

Craig Hummer, Video: Last Cattle Drive of This Millenium

Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 2000

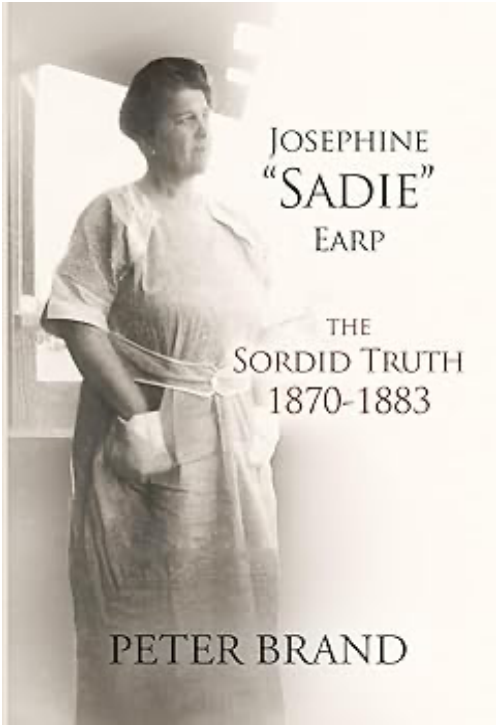
True West, February/March 2023



Last month's photo of the little boy on the horse was David Guyton.

Who is this WWA member showing an interest in the Wild West at an early age?





Latest book by WWA member Peter Brand. Learn the truth about Wyatt Earp's long time companion.

WWA COMING NEXT to our YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Jan 3rd, 2025: Notorious Cherokee Outlaw Ned Christie Killed, One Companion Burned, Another Caught by U.S. Marshals. Did they kill the wrong man? You decide.



Jan 10th, 2025: WWHA member Roy Young: Dodging the Fierce Apache. Silver Dreams to  
Legendary Fortunes: The Fascinating Life of Prospector Ed Schieffelin.



Jan 17th, 2025: Dragoon Stage Station: Chiricahua Apache Cochise Attacks, Brutal Violence  
near "Cochise Stronghold"



Jan 24th, 2025: Oklahoma shoot-out between the Doolin-Dalton Gang and U.S. Deputy  
Marshals. Among the wounded and dead lawmen and outlaws were 8-10 horses, bystanders and  
a chicken.

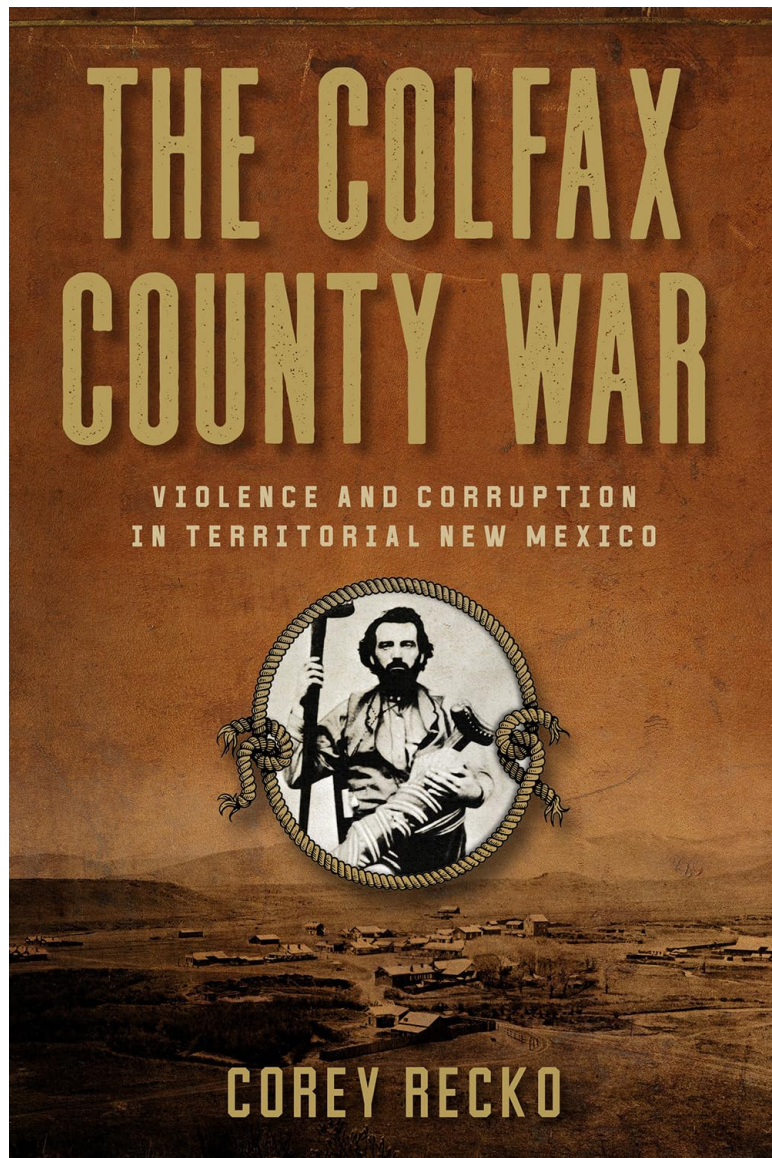


This gunfight was more furious and more deadly than the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone. WWHA member and Texas State Historian Bill O'Neal tells the story.

Jan 31st, 2025: OREGON TRAIL RUTS. Visit the Wyoming Site Where the Wagon Ruts are 5' Deep in the Rocks







The assassination of Reverend Franklin Tolby on the Cimarron Canyon road on September 14, 1875, started a wave of violence known as the Colfax County War. Tolby had been an outspoken critic of the Santa Fe Ring. In a confession, one of his assassins stated that men connected to the Ring paid to have Tolby killed. Outrage, civil unrest, and more killings followed. The town of Cimarron alone was the scene of a lynching, a barroom gunfight in the St. James Hotel involving legendary gunman Clay Allison, the nighttime murder of a prisoner, and other murders unrelated to the conflict. Then, in 1878, a letter came to light that appeared to show that the governor of the territory, Samuel Axtell, planned a mass killing of critics of the Santa Fe Ring in Colfax County. That, along with the outbreak of the Lincoln County War, brought the attention of officials in Washington. Frank

Angel was sent to New Mexico to investigate the violence, murders, and corruption that plagued the territory. The actions taken as a result of Angel's investigation ended the Colfax County War.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

