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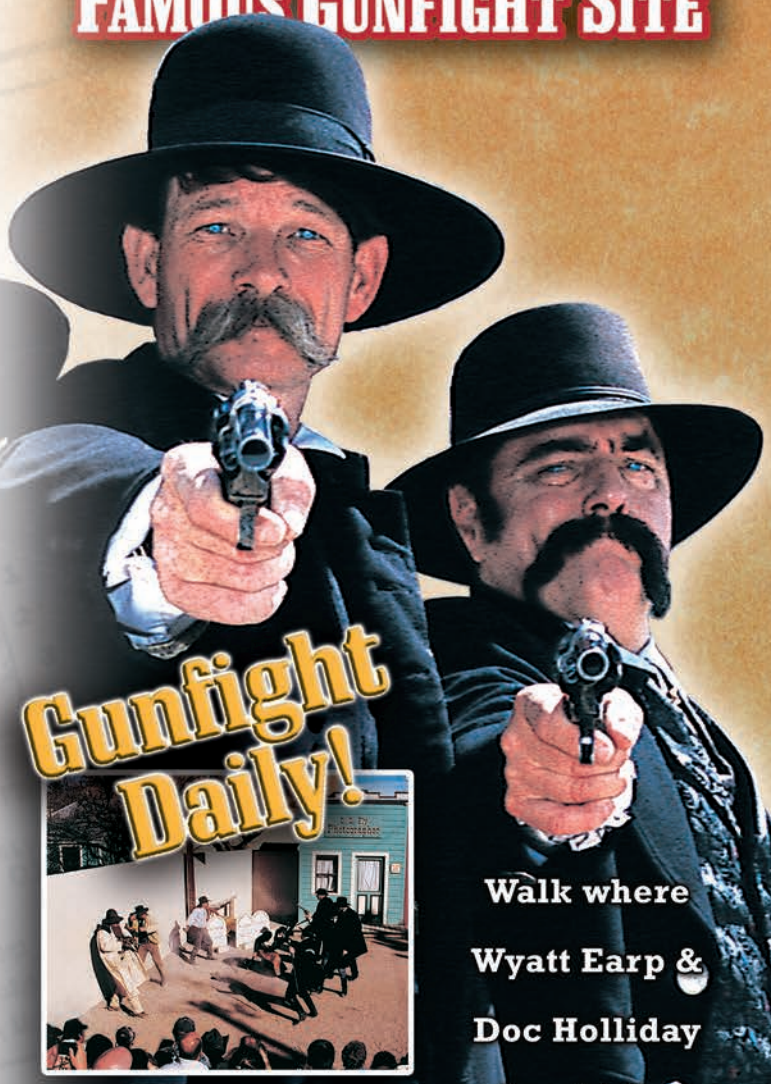
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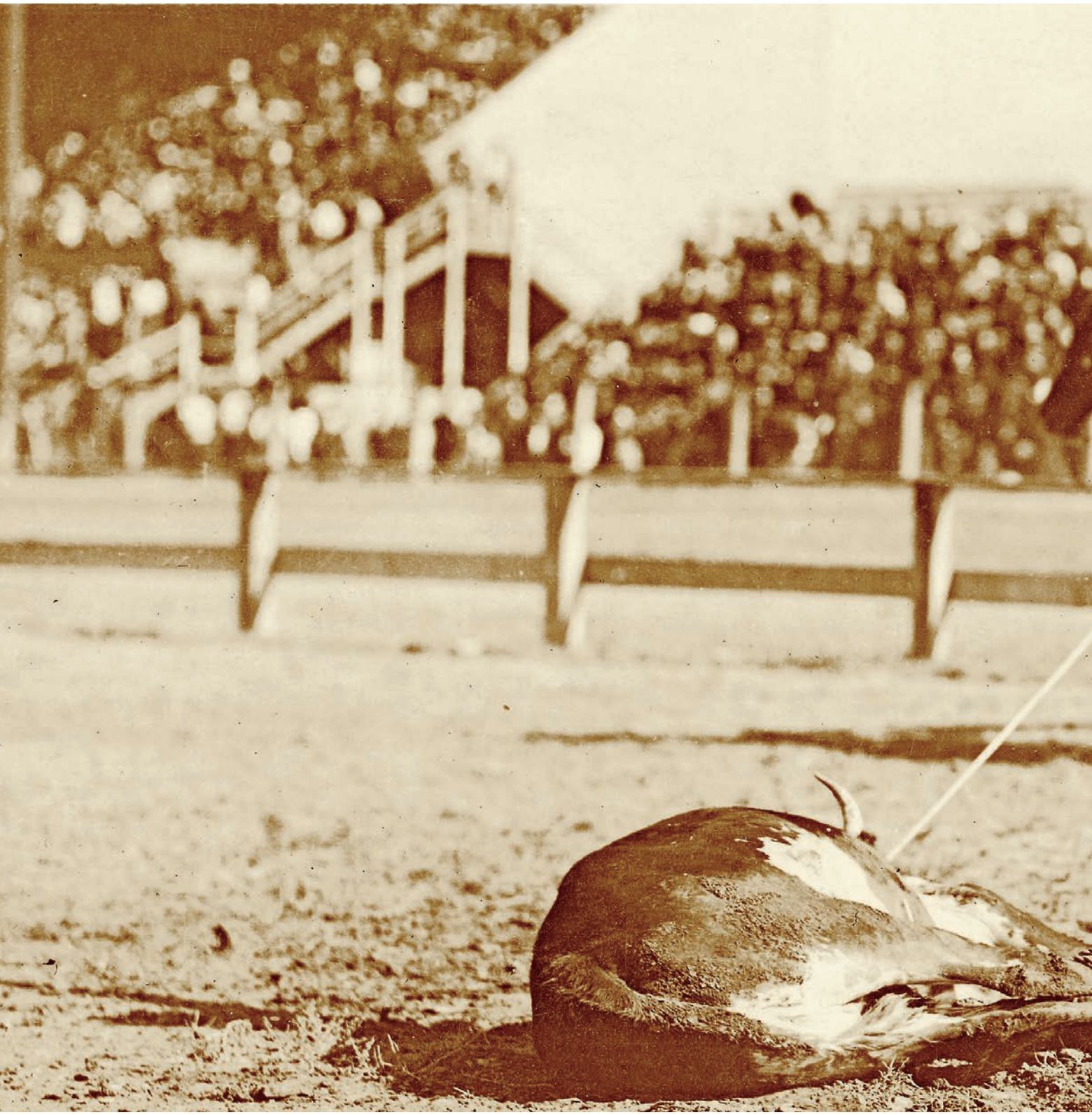
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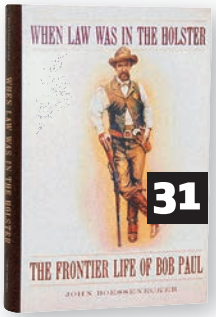


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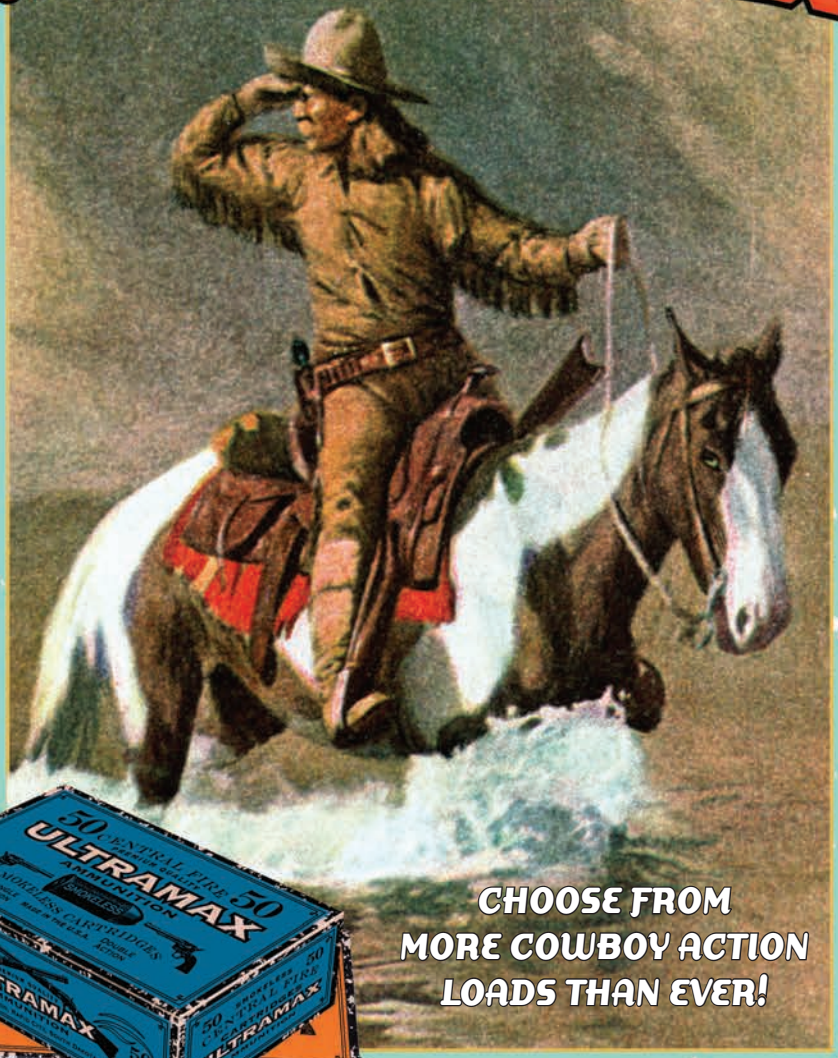
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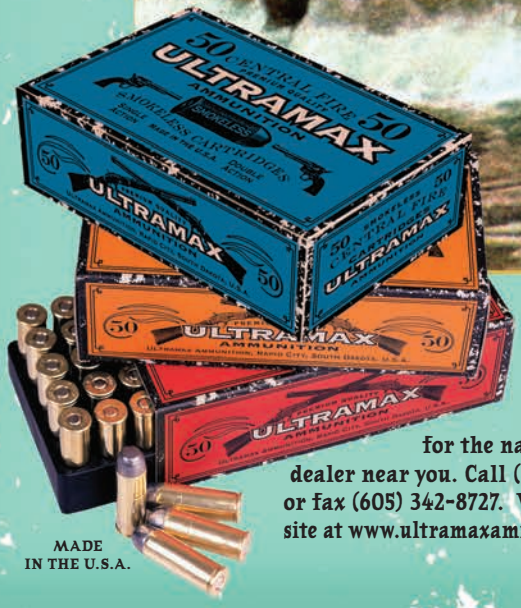
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Lessons Learned

Ten surefire ways to keep a popular history magazine in business.



The *True West* Staff, taken October 29, 2012, at the *True West* World Headquarters in Cave Creek, Arizona. From left to right is Meghan Saar, Robert Ray, BBB, Ken Amorosano, Greg Carroll, Rebecca Edwards, Carole Glenn, Chad Hays, Leah Bohlander, Dan Harshberger, Ron Frieling, Sue Lambert, Marshall Trimble, Jana Bommersbach and Sheri Riley.

– By Robert Ray –

As we head into our sixth decade, I thought it would be instructive to recap what I have learned about the business of putting out a popular history magazine for the past 13 years.

1. **No man's a man until he has to meet a payroll.** After an extremely rocky start (we were losing $30K a month), Kathy and I had to remortgage our house to meet payroll. We're still paying it off, but we're also still in business.

2. **Reward consistency.** Don't hire flash, instead hire steady, reliable people (see photo, at right).

3. **Worth the meeting.** Everybody hates meetings, but I've discovered sparks of good ideas are born when people are forced to talk to each other and solve a problem. I make it a point to acknowledge this by saying, "That was worth the meeting right there." Everyone thinks I'm joking, but I'm not.

4. **Fail more.** I've found that of five things we try, perhaps only one or two become successful. So, we try to fail more. (Hey, it increases our odds of success!)

5. **Everyone is about half right.** So many "experts" have come through here over the past 13 years claiming they were going to "fix" the magazine. They usually had good ideas, but nobody knows it all, and the trick is recognizing which half is right.

6. **Create a wall.** Hitting a wall is not fun, but creating a wall where the entire staff can fight for the best design and flow of the magazine has turned our magazine around (see wall of layouts, above). I have to thank Ken Amorosano for making this happen.

7. **Dance with the one who brung you.** We spent too many years chasing a lifestyle audience that didn't give a hoot about us. We finally went back to history, and we haven't looked back since.

8. **Adapt or die.** When we bought the magazine, it was still being printed on pulp paper. The old-timers screamed, but I knew I had to adapt or die. Repeat daily.

9. **Ask the readers what they want, and then give it to them.** This maxim may sound obvious, but you'd be surprised how easy it is to get lost in the weeds. I interviewed the founder's wife, Elizabeth Small, and asked her why the magazine went into decline. She said, "The footnote crowd took over."

10. **Have fun.** Work is only work if you'd rather be someplace else.



For a behind-the-scenes look at running this magazine, check out BBB's daily blog at TWMag.com

Quotes

"All America lies at the end of the wilderness road, and our past is not a dead past, but still lives in us. Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves, the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. What they dreamed, we live, and what they lived, we dream."

– T.K. Whipple, from Study Out the Land

"You're entitled to your own opinion, but not to your own facts."

– Late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"Confidence is what you have before you understand the problem."

– Woody Allen

"The fundamental cause of trouble in the world is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt."

– Bertrand Russell



"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever."

– Napoleon Bonaparte

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"Political correctness is tyranny with manners."

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I knew better than to play cards with historian Mark Dworkin. He had the ultimate poker face.

During a trip to Georgia, several years ago, we had a chance to visit Susan McKey Thomas, Doc Holliday's cousin. Her father Thomas was Doc's uncle, but he and Doc were about the same age, so they were close friends as kids. Mark and I were excited to hear some family stories.

When we entered the home, "Ms. Suzie," a gracious Southern belle of the old school with a kind look in her eyes and a smile on her face, greeted us from a comfortable chair. Then the lady got right to the point: "Are you gentlemen Yankees?"

I was stunned, and I'm sure I showed it. Mark's poker face gave away nothing. He replied, "I'm from Canada, from Toronto."

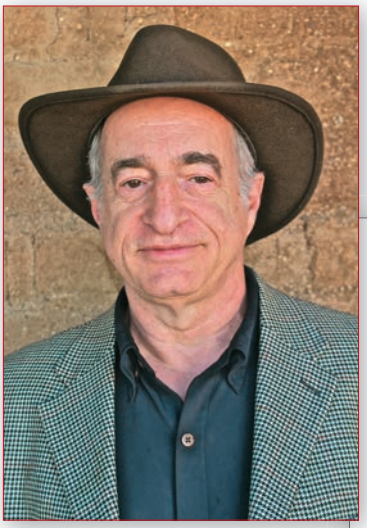
Ms. Suzie was good with that—Canada had aided the Confederacy during its "war of independence." Then she stared a hole through me (without losing the smile).

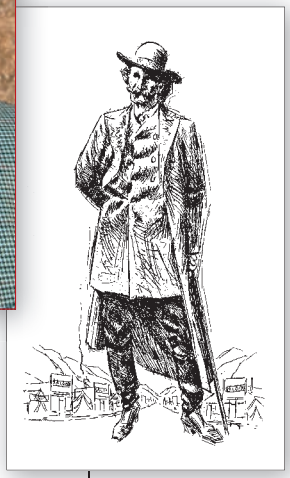
"Guilty," I responded. I stole a glance over at my friend from the Great White North; I thought I saw a tiny grin come to his mouth, but if so, it was brief.

We laughed about that for years.

Cancer got the best of Mark Dworkin on August 31, 2012. He was 66. Mark was a gentleman and a gentle man. He treated everyone with respect and courtesy. He unfailingly shared what he had with others (including his research). Those things stick when you're recalling a man's legacy.

But as much as anything, Mark was a passionate guy—not that you'd necessarily know it from his placid visage. He had a passion for teaching, for jazz, for his Jewish heritage—and most of all for wife Harriet and his family.





Mark Dworkin's legacy includes his discovery of a possible Doc Holliday etching (below) and his much-anticipated biography on Walter Noble Burns. The beloved historian (left) will be missed by many.

– Courtesy Dworkin Family –

He also had a passion for the Old West, and for Tombstone, which drove Mark to research and explore and write. He loved to discover and recount events and people whom others ignored.

> His magnum opus will be his biography of writer Walter Noble Burns.

He poured energy into subjects like Wyatt Earp's various Jewish connections (several friends, third wife Josie and his interment in a Jewish cemetery). He found an illustration, in the Yale library, that may have been of Doc Holliday in the last year or so of his life. He (and colleague Jane Matson Lee) extensively researched H.F. Sills, a mystery visitor to Tombstone who witnessed the O.K. Corral shoot-out in 1881. He also helped find the unmarked grave of Vendetta Rider Dan Tipton in Columbus, Ohio. Working with Peter Brand and others, Mark secured a military marker at Tipton's last resting place.

But his magnum opus will be his biography of writer Walter Noble Burns. This Chicago journalist turned his pen toward the Old West in the 1920s, writing three essential books: *The Saga of Billy the Kid; Tombstone: An Iliad of the Southwest;* and *The Robin Hood of El Dorado: The Saga of Joaquin Murrieta, Famous Outlaw of California's Age of Gold.* In many ways, Burns helped create the modern romantic myth of the West, and he made legends of Wyatt Earp, Billy the Kid and others. Burns's own story is fascinating and shows the lengths he went to in writing his books.

Sadly, Mark won't be around to enjoy the plaudits for his book. The good news is the University of Oklahoma Press plans to publish *American Mythmaker: Walter Noble Burns* sometime in 2013.

What I've read of the book is great stuff. It is clearly Mark—the poker-faced presentation of facts in a scholarly fashion. But for those of us who knew and loved him, we can see the slight, sly grin behind the words, and remember his sardonic wit.

And his passion. So much passion.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The First Sixty Years

Let us show you where we've been.



Volume One: 1953

Our very first issue, six decades ago. A lot of paper and ink has been expended, but the mission statement remains the same: tell the true stories of the authentic Old West, warts and all.

Joe Small followed a hunch. Every time he ran a letter about Old West badmen in his *Sporting* Magazine, his mailbox would bulge with responses, so he decided to create a new magazine that told the truth about the history of the American frontier. His first issue hit the newsstands in April 1953. The magazine took a while to catch on with readers, but when it did, it really took off.

All during 2013 we will celebrate our 60 years producing articles and magazines about the period we love and telling the truth about it, warts and all.

To get started, here is an overview of the first 60 years, told in pictures and snippets lifted directly from the pages of the magazine.



Winter 1953
The magazine hits the ground running. Notice the logo changing over the years.



Spring 1954
Very fifties look, also aping *Time* magazine.



Nov.-Dec. 1958
A striking cover that would sell today.





In the beginning, the history business had three mainstays, at least in the *True West* firmament. These were: Fred Gipson, J. Frank Dobie and our founder Joe Austell Small, from left, circa 1955.

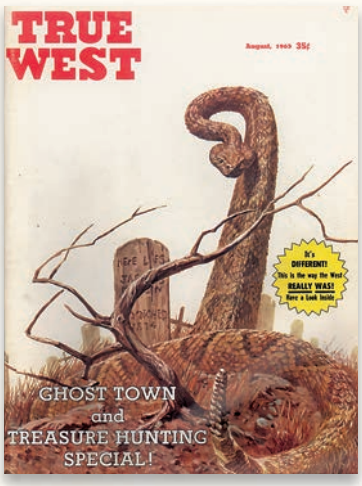
Some concepts don't travel well, and many of the cartoons from the past now leave us scratching our heads.

Meanwhile, we saw ads and fads promoted to our readers, but nothing hit harder than "authentic coonskin cap" ads. More than a million were sold.





March-April 1962
A striking cover from the early successful phase of the magazine.



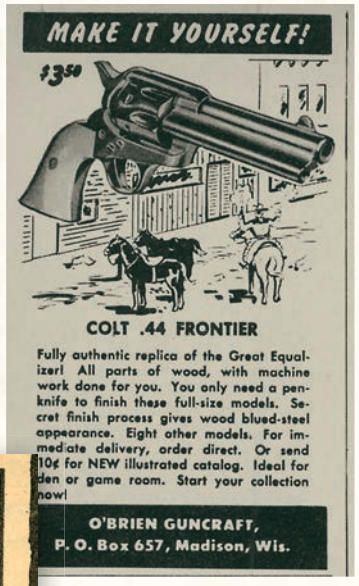
July-Aug. 1963
The magazine has featured some provocative covers; look at this rattlesnake getting ready to strike.



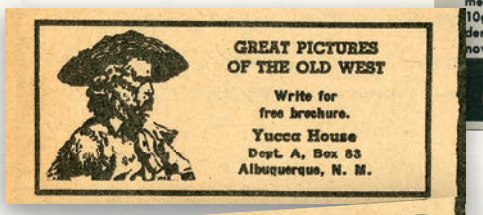
Sept.-Oct. 1969
A strong image, but this is when the sales started to sag. Some blame the Vietnam War.



Fringe jackets were all the go in the 1950s, with this classic ad showcasing a stylish lass.



We might quibble with the "great" adjective, but who wouldn't want to see what Yucca House had to offer?



Give me land, lots of land, for plenty cheap. Many folks were lured west by these ads.



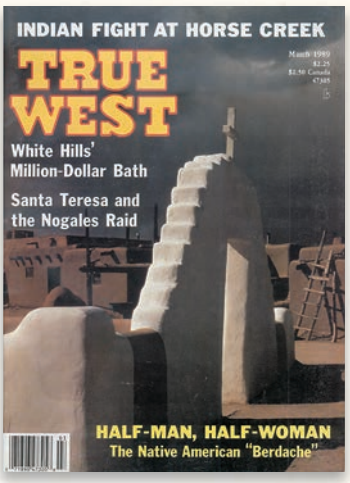
Some ads we ran sort of defy gravity. Make your own pistol? For $3.50? Really? We'd like to see one of those!



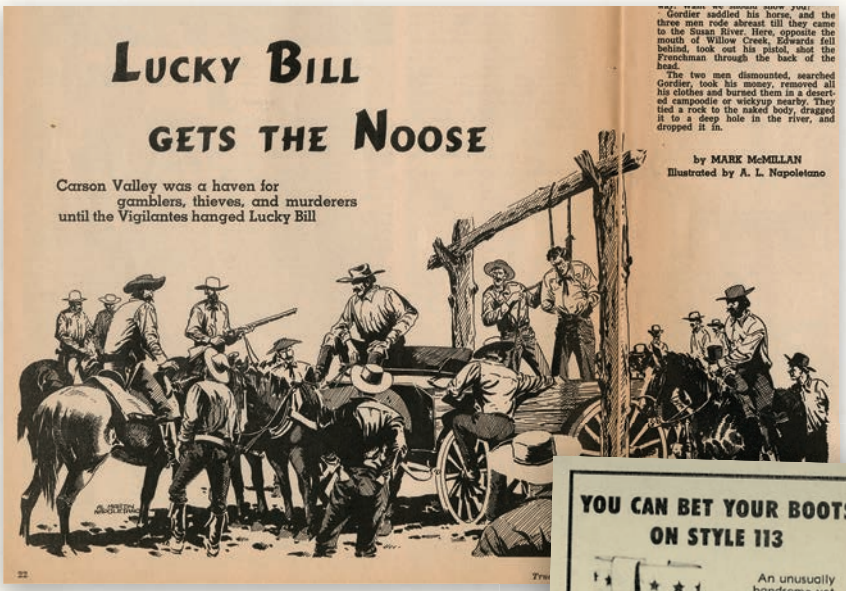
Sept.-Oct. 1977
An attempt to return to its pulp roots, which only hastened the slide.



September 1984
A spirited effort to reclaim the glory of the early years is apparent in this cover.



March 1989
As the magazine wandered toward its fifth decade, covers got a tad bland.





True West has featured some talented illustrators. One whose career spanned five decades is Al Napolitano.

Fancy boots have always been a mainstay in the magazine (see them in this issue too!).



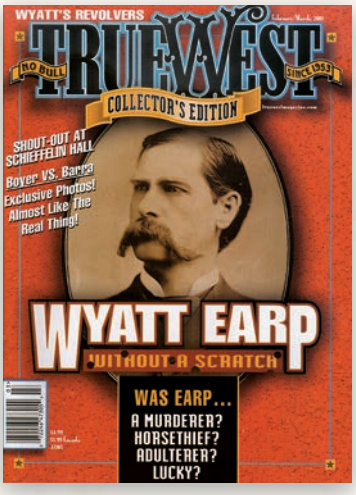
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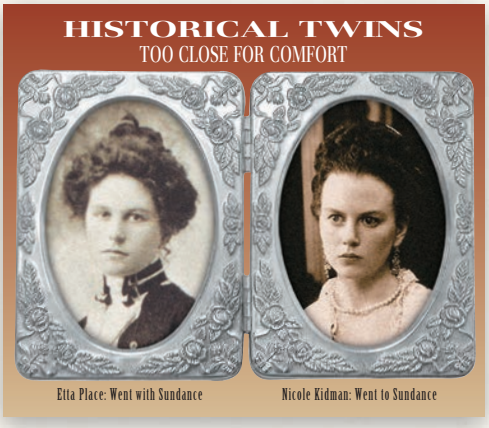
Feb.-March 2001

We hit the jackpot with this sold-out issue. Back issues have sold for as much as $300 each.



May-June 2001

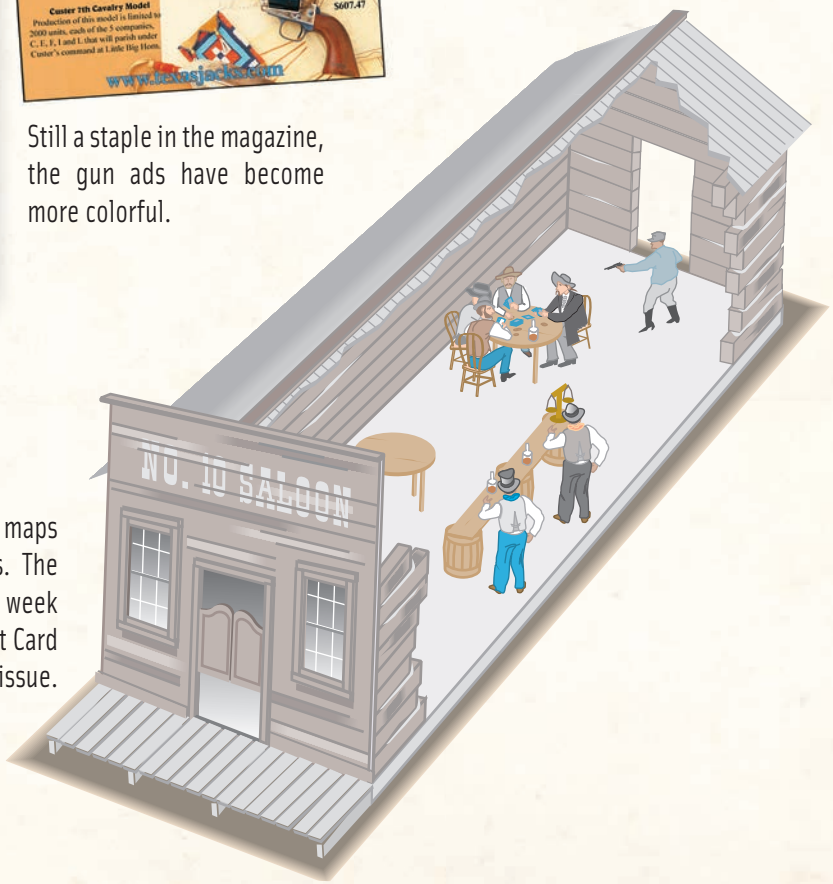
This is the only issue we have gone back to press on. We printed an extra 5,000 and sold them all.



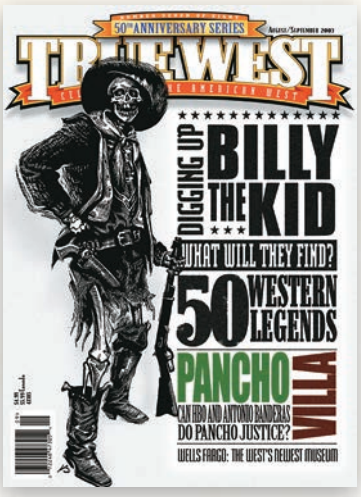
Here's a department we had a bunch of fun creating. It didn't always work, but when it did, you had to laugh.



Still a staple in the magazine, the gun ads have become more colorful.



Gus Walker has produced some amazing maps and graphics over the past 12 years. The Mapinator, as we call him, spent a good week on this cutaway graphic of Wild Bill's Last Card Game, which ran in our September 2001 issue.



Aug.-Sept. 2003

The only time we had to yell "Stop the presses!" As news broke of the Billy Dig, we traded out a cover on Pancho Villa for this.



October 2006

An extremely successful issue, which celebrated the 125th anniversary of the O.K. Corral gunfight.

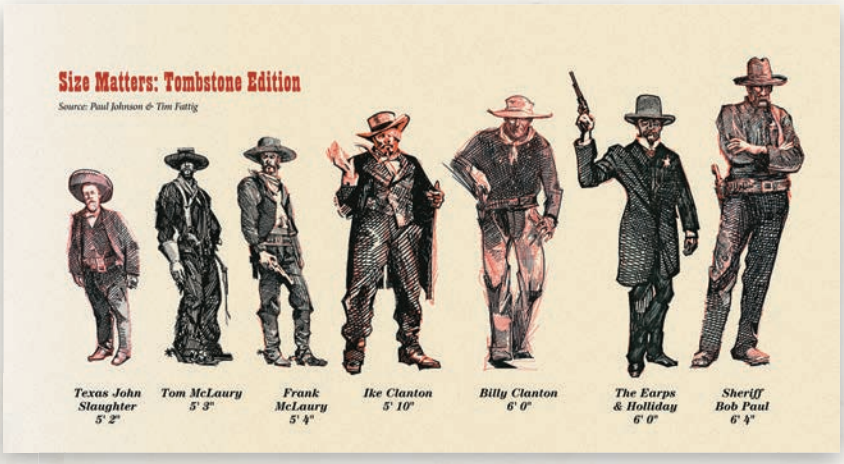


Nov.-Dec. 2011

This recent issue contains just about every buzz word we could dream up. Sales were brisk.

To see more covers (including those turkeys!), visit TWMag.com/first60years

One of our more successful sidebars on illustrating the difference in size and how it mattered on the frontier.







Fringe is still with us, along with fancy boots. Some things never change.

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Our Eleventh Annual Celebration of the Absolute Best!

As we begin celebrating our 60th anniversary year, we thought it would be fun to combine our "year in review" coverage of the best Old West books, movies, music, art and collectibles with our popular annual Best of the West awards.

On the following pages, we tell you who the best nonfiction author is (hint: his book inspired a cover story last year) and share some of the other top nonfiction history reads publishers brought us throughout the year. We name the best solo musician, while we also introduce you to Daron Little, L.K. Potts, Cindy Smith and more. We recommend you tune in to what we consider to be the best Western series on TV, yet we also pay homage to other shows worth watching. And as we herald our favorite painter of the year, we also present you with a rundown of this year's top Old West collectibles sold at auction.

At the same time, we have given you some of our regular departments and features to help you feel at home.

We sure hope you like the package, as our staff and contributing editors have put forth a lot of effort into bringing you this all-encompassing Best of the West issue. We believe it's the best we've ever published.

We'd like to thank all of the folks whose hard work and dedication have given us these wonderful gifts to laud, and you, dear reader, for supporting us and them.

Enjoy!




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Movies TV Series & DVDs

BY HENRY CABOT BECK



John Wayne in 1961's *The Comancheros*. We were pretty stoked when this classic film was released as a Blu-ray digibook by Twentieth-Century Fox; the fantastic-looking Utah scenery alone is worth this update to your movie collection.

– *From* John Wayne: The Legend and the Man *by John Wayne Enterprises, published by powerHouse Books* –

This is THE best John Wayne photo book ever!

We run into John Wayne fans everywhere we go in this great nation of ours, and by New Year's Day, after the holiday gifts have all been exchanged or traded in for something better (hey, it happens!), we bet a lot of them will have big smiles on their faces. The John Wayne family has given us all an incredible gift by opening up its photography archives for the release of *John Wayne: The Legend and the Man*, published by powerHouse Books.

In this first-ever authorized photographic record of the Duke's life, you won't know where to flip to first, which is fine, because whichever page you land on, you will find something incredible. Mixed in with the cinematic shots we all know and love are never-before-seen images from backstage snapshots and family albums. You'll see the Duke in his football years at USC, aboard his converted wooden naval mine sweeper, the *Wild Goose*, and traveling with his family and friends in places ranging from Alaska to Mexico.

Director Martin Scorsese got it right in his introduction: "This wonderful collection of photographs gives us John Wayne the figurehead, John Wayne the actor, and John Wayne the human being."

Thanks to this treasure of a book, fans can truly get a look at this giant of American cinema from every angle.

OUR FAVORITE MOVIES, TV SERIES & DVDS

MOVIES

GOOD FOR NOTHING

Two of the best Westerns this year were produced independently. The first, *Good for Nothing,* came out of New Zealand and is a wry look at the relationship between a completely uncivilized outlaw and a proper young British girl, fresh to the West, who he kidnaps. It's an odd work, but it's funny, and it takes some clever turns.

REDEMPTION: FOR ROBBING THE DEAD

The other first-rate movie to be found in 2012 is *Redemption: For Robbing the Dead*, a historically-based story about a Utah sheriff and a grave robber who was tattooed and exiled to an island in the Great Salt Lake. The robber's demented wife features a truly unexpected and fearless performance by Margot Kidder.

LAWLESS

Lawless is a moonshine picture and a very close cousin to *Hatfields & McCoys.* Based on the true account of the Bondurant family, three Virginia brothers who did battle with the Syndicate in the Depression era, *Lawless* has the best ensemble cast in a movie this year and includes Gary Oldman, Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce and Jessica Chastain.



TELEVISION

JUSTIFIED

Justified is probably the best and most consistent Western-themed television series, and the fourth season kicks off on AMC in January. Based on crime writer Elmore Leonard's novels and stories featuring U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens (Timothy Olyphant), the show makes television worth watching.

HELL ON WHEELS

Hell on Wheels, the story of the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, has become a surprisingly good program, and quite a great many viewers feel the same. This is one of the most interesting Western stories on television, as much as anything because of its unpredictability.

LONGMIRE

For an Old West-style stoic lawman who has seen it all, Sheriff Walt Longmire truly wears his heart on the sleeve of his duster. Longmire is a solid character, but equally interesting are the fine supporting players, including Lou Diamond Phillips. With 4.3 million viewers

How a mother of 10 can find time to write beautiful, poignant Western songs is quite a mystery. But Mary Kaye has entered the echelon of great songwriters with her latest album, *No Wilder Place*. She holds her own among the "sassy" singers, as well as Janis Joplin, Wanda Jackson, Kelly Willis and the rest. We'd love to hear her Butch Cassidy ballad in a Western film!

Influences on My Music:
Dolly Parton and Patsy Cline.

Best Concert:
Don Edwards at the Star Hall in Moab, Utah, 2008. No band, no silly cowboy hype. Just one man and six strings.

Favorite Western Film:
True Grit–the new one.

Favorite Cowboy Actor:
Sam Elliott.

Favorite Westerns Actress:
Hailee Steinfeld.

Dream Dinner Guests at Table for Four (Including Myself):
My husband, Brad, and America's Western Sweetheart, Belinda Gail, and her husband, Robert Lorbeer.

Favorite Guitar Player:
Bill Barwick.

Book I Love:
Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Conner.

Western Singer Who Caught My Ear in 2012:
Arizona singer Nancy Ruybal.

Favorite Fiddle Player:
My studio fiddler, Aaron Ashton.

Favorite Western Songwriter:
Dave Stamey.

Rookie of the Year:
Doug Figgs.

Western Singer Who Deserves More Recognition:
Utah's Brenn Hill.

I Would Pay a Double Ticket Price to See:
Don Edwards in concert.


Mary Kaye



tuning in for the series finale, A&E's most-watched drama will return for a second season.

VEGAS

Dennis Quaid made a fine Doc Holliday in *Wyatt Earp,* and he knows his way around a horse. In CBS's *Vegas*, Quaid plays fourth-generation cattle rancher-turned-sheriff Ralph Lamb, Michael Chiklis is Lamb's adversary, the Little Caesar of Vegas, and the series has a solid writer in Nicholas Pileggi (*Goodfellas*). Fans enjoy watching the sleepy cowtown spin off into a cultural miasma.

DVDS

FORT APACHE/ RIO GRANDE

It's hard to imagine, but while many movies briefly featured the cavalry, the three John Wayne movies directed by John Ford—1948's *Fort Apache*, 1949's *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* and 1950's *Rio Grande*—are the first Westerns that were entirely *about* the cavalry. *Fort Apache* and *Rio Grande* have arrived in fine Blu-ray editions. The visual definition in the black-and-white *Fort Apache* is spectacular, with stunning, sweeping vistas of Monument Valley.

HONDO

Also available for the first time is the digitally re-mastered Blu-ray edition of *Hondo*. Originally released in 3D in 1953, the Louis L'Amour story is among the best Westerns of the '50s, which is saying quite a lot, and John Wayne is particularly great.

WESTWARD THE WOMEN

I have a soft spot for William Wellman's 1951 movie *Westward the Women,* as do a great many people in the Westerns-loving world. That it was hard to find only made the hunger greater, and, finally, it's been made available as part of the Warner Archive. Robert Taylor and Denise Darcel are wonderful, the Utah scenery is incredible and the picture belongs among the best movies ever made.

THE LAST HUNT/ BITE THE BULLET

Richard Brooks only made three Westerns, each one 10 years apart, and each one completely wonderful and unique. The 1956 movie *The Last Hunt*, part of the Warner Archive, is a lot like a darker sister-film to *The Searchers*. Both movies were released at the same time, both movies feature rabid Indian-haters (Robert Taylor and John Wayne), and they even use the same theme music.



Brooks also directed 1966's *The Professionals* (available in Blu-ray), which pointed the way to ensemble Westerns like *The Wild Bunch* and took place in the early part of the 20th century.

But Brooks's third Western is even more remarkable, and only now has it been available in a truly worthy Blu-ray edition. The 1975 movie *Bite the Bullet* is a unique, tough picture about a 700-mile horse race, based on a race that actually took place in 1908, and it features James Coburn, Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen and Ben Johnson in one of his most poignant performances. Limited to 3,000 editions, the DVD features a stand-alone musical track and a booklet.



BEST INDEPENDENT WESTERN

Good for Nothing

Though the film received polarizing reviews, we believe *Good for Nothing* is definitely worth something. The unique film, shot entirely in New Zealand, takes its cues from Spaghetti Westerns of the past and was described by one reviewer as being similar to early Sam Raimi (*Evil Dead*) and Coen Brothers movies. We can agree with that sentiment. Though the deadpan, dark humor may not be for everyone, we don't get the chance to see many Westerns of this kind anymore.

Movies
TV Series & DVDs



HIGH NOON/ HANGING TREE

Gary Cooper's last decade offered 1952's *High Noon* at one end and 1959's *The Hanging Tree* at the other, and both pictures were outstanding. *High Noon* is now available as a Blu-ray, and *The Hanging Tree*, which hasn't been available since the mid-90s, has finally come out in the Warner Archive. It's a dour, adult movie based on a novelette by Dorothy Johnson, who also wrote *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.* In the film, Cooper offers one of his best roles as the cranky gunfighter and gambler, Doc Frail.

LITTLE BIG MAN

Little Big Man, now on Blu-ray, is a textbook version of what people refer to as a revisionist or anti-Western, but it's better than that. It's an epic Western comedy, and the movie is willing to throw a Bronx cheer at George Custer, along with a lot of old Western myths and stereotypes.



RANDOLPH SCOTT WESTERNS

People who love Westerns love Randolph Scott, and most of them know that Scott's best Westerns were directed by Budd Boetticher. Those movies were all released between 1956-60; all but two of them are collected in a set, but now Sony's archival series, Choice Collection, is releasing them, on-demand, in individual discs. Sony has started with: *Ride Lonesome, Comanche Station, Buchanan Rides Alone* and *Decision at Sundown.* The best? Probably *Comanche Station*, but they're all terrific.

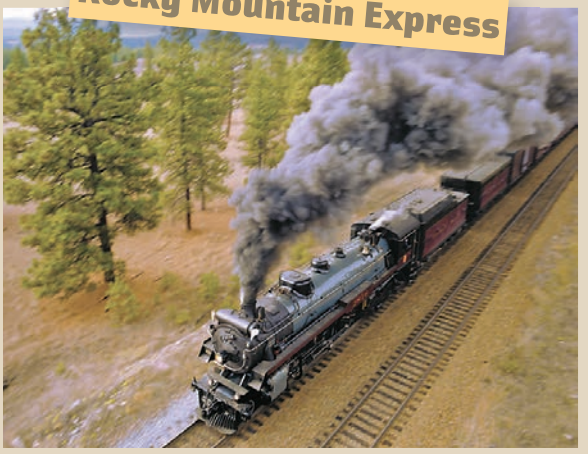
MASTERSON OF KANSAS

Also new to the Sony catalog is *Masterson of Kansas*, a 1954 movie that featured George Montgomery as Masterson, and with him is Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday. It's Masterson's name on the title, but as usual, Holliday steals his thunder.

SOMETHING BIG

Something Big is one of those genial Western Comedies we saw a lot in the 1970s. Dean Martin is too genial, by far,

Rocky Mountain Express



For those who have yet to ride a vintage steam locomotive through the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Canada, director Stephen Low provides the next best thing by virtually taking audiences there with his IMAX film *Rocky Mountain Express.*

Ever since Low was a seven-year-old, he has been in love with steam engines and the West, and after a three-decade career, he has finally produced his dream project. His passion for the film is clearly evident to the viewer, as his cinematography techniques take the crowd on board the train, getting them as close as they can to experiencing the ride without buying a ticket. The film was shot in 15/70, the world's largest film format, and Low employed cameras mounted on the locomotive and stunning aerial photography from remote-operated cameras on board a helicopter to bring us all the breathtaking shots. Throughout the journey, Low also shares the tale of struggles that built Canada's first transcontinental railroad through the difficult terrain.

IMAX exists for films like *Rocky Mountain Express*. You can catch this at an IMAX screen near you in North America and Europe.

as a guy who runs a largely Mexican outlaw gang, but the picture has its moments. Still, the movie almost seems as a parody of *The Wild Bunch,* as Deano wipes out a couple of thousand Mexicans with a Gatling Gun.

JEREMIAH JOHNSON

Robert Redford is entirely too pretty to be believed as the mountain man known as Liver-Eatin' Johnson, but *Jeremiah Johnson* is still a beautiful film, and one of Redford's best.

SPRINGTIME IN THE SIERRAS

Springtime in the Sierras is one of Roy Rogers's toughest post-war Westerns, and it's finally being released in the uncut version with the Trucolor intact. This is one of a series directed by William Witney, and it's also incredibly gritty, with a woman who kills an older forest ranger at point-blank range.



HEAVEN'S GATE

Heaven's Gate is one of the most controversial Westerns ever made. One, it cost far too much and made far too little money. Two, it's rather dull, and it lasted three and a half hours. The studio cut it back, but the damage was done. However, Criterion has worked with director Michael Cimino to remaster the film. Say what you will, it's an incredibly good-





looking movie. You'll find a great many extras on this double disc, plus the film offers a look (although, admittedly, largely fictional) inside the Johnson County War. It's worth the effort, that much is true.



UNFORGIVEN

Unforgiven was released once again, in 2012, but this time in a book edition, in Blu-ray. If you've never seen this movie in high-definition, you owe it to yourself to get a copy and look it over.

Movie Experiences

Alamo IMAX Theatre
The theatre features the epic battle docudrama, *Alamo: The Price of Freedom*, shown since 1988.
849 E. Commerce St. San Antonio, TX 78205
210-247-4629 • IMAX-SA.com

Old Tucson Studios
Replica Old West town and working film set offers tours, stunt shows and trail rides.
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520-883-0100 • OldTucson.com

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Alpha Video
Produces Western TV and film collections such as the 75th Anniversary of *The Lone Ranger* box set.
P.O. Box 101 Narberth, PA 19072
800-336-4627 • Oldies.com/Alpha

BTK Pictures
Since 2000, produces films such as *Birth of a Legend: Billy the Kid & the Lincoln County War*.
Room 60, Main Administration Bldg.
Pinewood Studios Pinewood Rd.
Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire SL0 0NH
BTKPictures.com



BEST MADE-FOR-TV WESTERN

Longmire

It's not a true Old West series like HBO's *Deadwood* was, but A&E's *Longmire* still does enough to fulfill our desires for modern Westerns. The show, whose premiere set the record for most-watched original series in the network's history, stars Robert Taylor as the titular Sheriff Walt Longmire of the fictitious Absaroka County. It is based on a series of mystery books by author Craig Johnson. We especially like the setting and styling of *Longmire*, from the dry wit of Taylor's character, to the slow, deliberate pace of the storytelling.

READER'S CHOICE:
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Capstone Productions
Jackson Polk brings El Paso, Texas, heritage to life through a series of documentaries.
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203-664-1509 • BuckTheFilm.com

Comet Video
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Criterion Collection
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215 Park Ave. S. New York, NY 10003
Criterion.com

E1 Entertainment
Distributes *American Bandits: Frank and Jesse James* and other contemporary Westerns.
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EOneDistribution.com

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8900 Liberty Circle Englewood, CO 80112
720-852-7700 • EncoreTV.com

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Glendale, CA • 512-653-4608

Hallmark Movie Channel
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Studio City, CA
HallmarkMovieChannel.com

Herron Rail Video
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800-783-3886 • HerronRail.com

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P.O. Box 91560 Santa Barbara, CA 93190
805-695-0164 • VaqueroSeries.com



BEST WESTERN FILM FESTIVAL

Lone Pine Film Festival

Hollywood may be the movie capital of the world, but Western film fans must head four hours north to Lone Pine, California, for the annual Lone Pine Film Festival. Westerns are alive and well at this festival with movie screenings, panels and its exhibits at the Lone Pine Film History Museum. Must-sees for festivalgoers are the movie site tours of films such as *Yellow Sky, The Nevadan, Gunga Din, Westward Ho* and *Tremors*. Sign up early for these tours because many sell out!

READER'S CHOICE: Lone Pine Film Festival • Lone Pine, CA • LonePineFilmFestival.org

Movies
TV Series & DVDs



BEST WESTERN FILM SCRIPT

Django Unchained

Since some of you will be reading this before *Django Unchained* is even released, we won't reveal any spoilers. But we got our hands on a copy of the script ahead of time, and we can't wait to see how writer and director Quentin Tarantino translates the superb script to the big screen. The script is in-your-face and takes slavery head-on. It's a Sergio Leone-style Spaghetti Western cranked up several notches and turned on its head like only Tarantino can do. The script was already winning acclaim two months before release as Tarantino took home the Hollywood Screenwriter Award at the Hollywood Film Awards in October.

Magnolia Home Entertainment
Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban specialize in independent films, such as *Blackthorn.*
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2445 Nevada Ave. N. Golden Valley, MN 55427
866-410-9000 • MillCreekEnt.com

Millerosa Productions
Makes short Westerns (plus first feature, *Livin' by the Gun*) and star-in-your-own Western vignettes.
P.O. Box 207 Vallecito, CA 95251
209-736-4758 • Millerosa.com

Miramax
Western DVDs from studio behind Oscar award-winning successes like *No Country for Old Men.*
New York, NY • Miramax.com

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National Film Preservation Foundation
Since 1997, collaborates on film archive projects released to public, such as *Treasures* DVD series.
870 Market St. Suite 1113
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-392-7291 • FilmPreservation.org

Oscilloscope Laboratories
Independent film studio, founded by Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys, behind *Meek's Cutoff.*
New York, NY • Oscilloscope.net

Paramount Home Entertainment
Studio behind Coen Brothers' *True Grit* offers DVDs of classic Western TV shows and movies.
5555 Melrose Ave. Hollywood, CA 90038
323-956-5000 • Paramount.com

Patrick Film Productions
Brian Patrick's award-winning *Burying the Past: Legacy of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.*
Univ. of UT 375 S. 1530 E. Rm. 257b
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
801-581-6900 • BuryingThePast.com

PBS Home Video
DVDs of Western documentaries from 2010's *Reel Injun* to Ken Burns's masterpieces.
2100 Crystal Dr. Arlington, VA 22202
800-531-4727 • ShopPBS.org

PM Publications
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Route 66 Films
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P.O. Box 7 Philipsburg, MT 59858
800-786-6695 • PaccomFilms.com

Skeleton Creek Productions
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228 E. Randolph Enid, OK 73701
580-234-4998 • SkeletonCreekProductions.com

Stephen Low Distribution
Specializes in 3D and IMAX films such as *The Last Buffalo 3D* and *Rocky Mountain Express.*
795 Carson, Suite 6 Dorval Quebec H9S 1L7
514-633-6036 • StephenLow.com

Timeless Media Group
Specializes in DVD releases of TV Westerns including *Wagon Train* and *The Virginian.*
2480 W. 7th Place Eugene, OR 97402
800-547-6014 • TimelessVideo.com

Universal Pictures
Studio behind classic Westerns with Tim McCoy and others, and modern-day *Cowboys & Aliens.*
1325 Avenue of the Americas
New York NY 10019
UniversalPictures.com

VCI Entertainment
Preserves and distributes classic Saturday TV Westerns and B-Western films on DVDs.
11333 E. 60th Place Tulsa, OK 74146
800-331-4077 • VCIEnt.com

The Vintage Playhouse
Delivers long-lost, classic, digitally-remastered Western movies and television shows.
39 Westmoreland Ave. Suite 209
White Plains, NY 10606
866-914-1499 • TheVintagePlayhouse.com

Warner Home Video
Distributes a Western Classics collection made by the 1923 studio to 90 international territories.
Burbank, CA • WBShop.com

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Caravan West Productions
Peter Sherayko's Western movie supply house: weapons, livestock, wardrobe, props, buckaroos.
35660 Jayhawker Rd. Agua Dulce, CA 91390
661-268-8300 • CaravanWestProductions.com

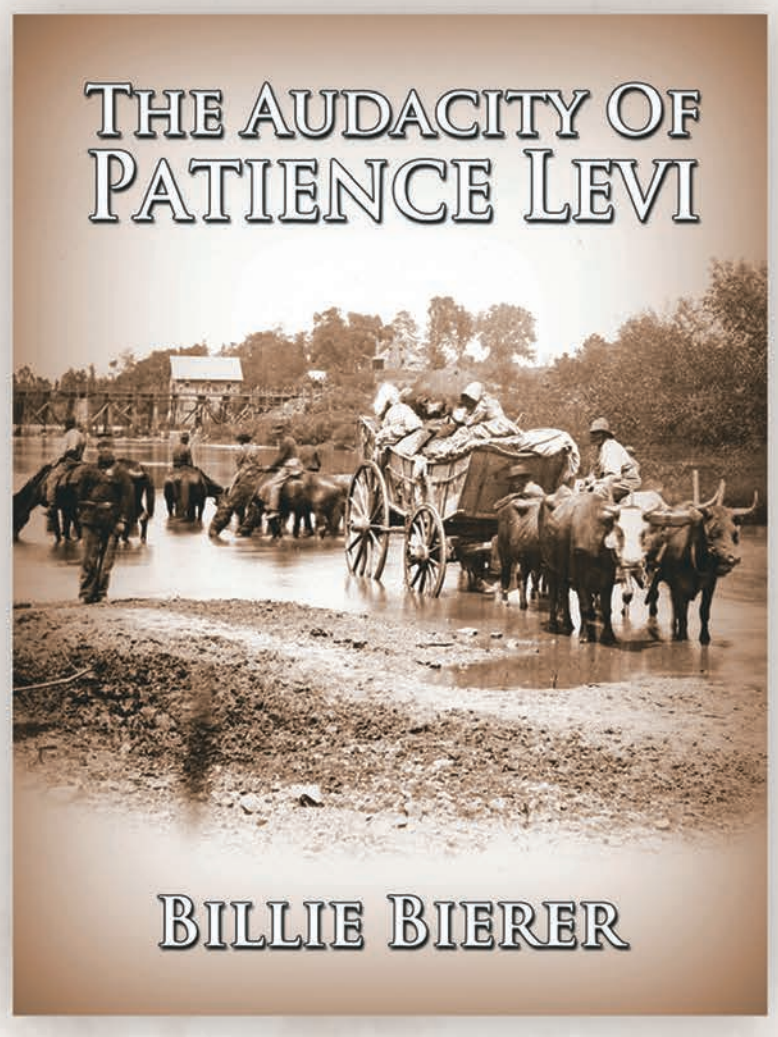
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BEST CLASSIC WESTERN DVD

Westward the Women

The lives of frontier women are not represented enough in Western films, so we're glad to see Warner Brothers add *Westward the Women* to its Archive Collection. The 1951 William A. Wellman film is based on the historical record of a group of women who wind up alone on their 2,000-mile wagon train journey from Chicago to California. It's an entertaining tale, and we like to see the women of the Old West kick some butt! We also like the DVD's audio commentary with historian and author Scott Eyman who shares how the filmmakers worked to make the film believable.



The Audacity of Patience Levi has received an outstanding review from Western Writer's of America and The Buffalo Soldier's Research Museum and was recently requested by Spike Lee!

Patience Levi is a work of fiction inspired by the remarkable story of Cathy Williams, an African-American woman who served in Company A, 38th U.S. Infantry shortly following the Civil War.

Follow Patience as she is freed from childhood deprivation only to find herself in the midst of unknown terror in untamed lands. Journey with Patience as she searches for her ultimate destiny and struggles to find balance between living her "pre-conceived" dream — or love and a life far exceeding them.

About the author

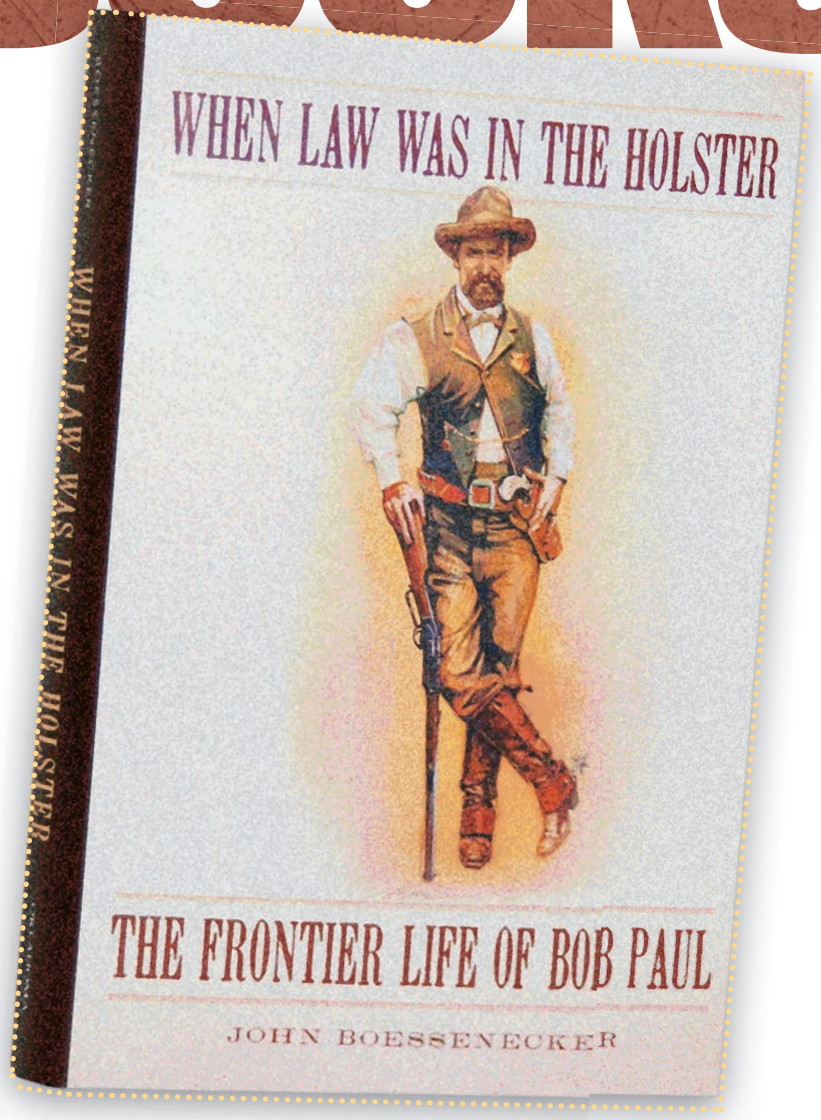
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She is a member of the Western Writer's of America and has won many awards for her short stories.

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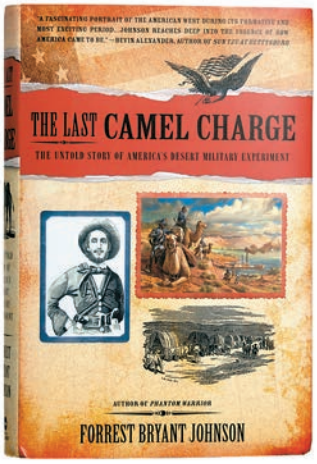
BY JESSE MULLINS

Bob Paul gets back to where he belongs.

If ever an Old West lawman deserved his due, Bob Paul did. Several have made a run at sharing his story, including Roy Young, who uncovered new materials and photos and wrote a long overdue biography of the lawman. But John Boessenecker built upon Young's work and took Paul up to the ranks of the worthy. This ex-cop, perhaps channeling his own experience into the life and times of the southern Arizona stalwart, has given us the benchmark for all future bios of Paul. (Full disclosure: Our own Bob Boze Bell created the cover image for the book, but even he is awed by the level of style and discourse Boessenecker brings to his subject.)

In his consummate work, Boessenecker has raised Paul up to his rightful place, shoulder to shoulder with Wyatt Earp, and with any other legendary lawman who had the sand to do the job.

OUR FAVORITE WESTERN READS



NONFICTION

THE LAST CAMEL CHARGE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF AMERICA'S DESERT MILITARY EXPERIMENT

By Forrest Bryant Johnson (Berkley)

This fascinating book weaves together numerous threads that tell the story not only of the U.S. Army's camel experiment, but also of the Mountain Meadows Massacre, the western migration and other turbulent events of the 1850s.

BLACKFOOT REDEMPTION: A BLOOD INDIAN'S STORY OF MURDER, CONFINEMENT, AND IMPERFECT JUSTICE

By William E. Farr (University of Oklahoma Press)

A Blackfoot Indian named Spopee shot and killed a white man in 1879 and, after being captured, escaped execution when he was confined to an insane asylum in Washington, D.C., where he "fell silent" and remained locked away for 32 years. His pardon by Woodrow Wilson thrust him back into society like a modern-day Rip Van Winkle.

WITH GOLDEN VISIONS BRIGHT BEFORE THEM: TRAILS TO THE MINING WEST, 1849-1852

By Will Bagley

(University of Oklahoma Press)

This work that comprises the second volume of the publisher's series "Overland West: The Story of the Oregon and California Trails" concentrates on the rigors, trials and travails of those who traversed the continent when dangers and hardships abounded.

HERE LIES HUGH GLASS: A MOUNTAIN MAN, A BEAR, AND THE RISE OF THE AMERICAN NATION

By Jon T. Coleman

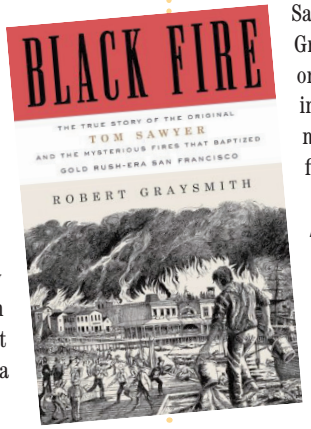
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

The quintessential tale of survival against all odds in an unforgiving 1820s frontier West, Hugh Glass's near-miraculous recovery from grizzly attack—and his return, unaided, to civilization—became what Coleman describes as a legend that shaped the American mythos.

BLACK FIRE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE ORIGINAL TOM SAWYER—AND OF THE MYSTERIOUS FIRES THAT BAPTIZED GOLD RUSH-ERA SAN FRANCISCO

By Robert Graysmith (Crown)

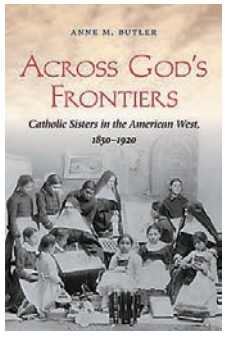
In a tale that merges multiple motifs—Mark Twain working as a reporter in Frisco, a serial arsonist known as the Lightkeeper and a local firefighter named Tom Sawyer who pursued the criminal—Graysmith weaves a tale based on the real-life account that so impressed Twain that the author made Sawyer the namesake of a first novel.



ACROSS GOD'S FRONTIER: CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THE AMERICAN WEST, 1850-1920

By Anne M. Butler (University of North Carolina Press)

Butler traces 70 years of Catholic sisterhood in the American West, detailing the ways in which nuns and sisters were forces for positive change in the communities they touched. Their work changed the cultures they encountered and the roles they themselves filled.



BONANZAS & BORRASCAS

By Richard E. Lingenfelter

(Arthur H. Clark Company)

In *Gold Lust & Silver Sharks*, the author follows the fortunes of the West's mining magnates in the years 1848-84. The companion volume, *Copper Kings and Stock Frenzies*, takes readers from 1885-1918.

BEST WESTERN HISTORY BOOKSTORE

Guidon Books

Whether you're a casual fan or a serious, hardcore collector, Guidon Books in Scottsdale, Arizona, sets the standard for Western bookstores. Since 1964, Guidon Books has been the place to go to for new, rare, hard-to-find and out-of-print books. If Guidon doesn't have that hidden gem you're looking for in stock, the owners are happy to try to help you track it down. Offering books that range from Custer to mountain men to the Civil War in the West, Guidon is the place all who love to read about the West need to visit.

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BEST HISTORICAL NONFICTION AUTHOR

John Boessenecker

In 2012, author John Boessenecker of San Francisco, California, brought us the criminally overlooked history of Bob Paul, the unheralded lawman who was as "fearless a man and as fast a friend as I ever knew," Wyatt Earp said. Boessenecker's book *When Law Was in the Holster: The Frontier Life of Bob Paul* takes readers through Paul's days as a whaler in the South Pacific to his years as an Old West lawman. *True West* was inspired to feature an excerpt from the book with our October cover story, "The Bravest Lawman You've Never Heard of."

READER'S CHOICE: Robert Utley • Scottsdale, AZ • RobertUtley.net

WEST FROM SALT LAKE: DIARIES FROM THE CENTRAL OVERLAND TRAIL

Edited by Jesse G. Petersen (Arthur H. Clark Company)

The title says it all. These are the accounts of the Old West wayfarers who took the middle road, not the route north through Idaho, nor the trail south that meandered to southern California. No, these hardy souls set out due west—into the desert.

COURAGEOUS HEROES OF THE AMERICAN WEST SERIES (FOR KIDS)

By William R. Sanford and Carl R. Green (Enslow Publishers)

The newest title in this revised series is on bulldogging legend Bill Pickett, a featured performer in the Miller Brothers' 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

BIOGRAPHIES

GERONIMO

Robert M. Utley (Yale University Press)

Publisher's Weekly reports that author Utley "humanizes" Geronimo. *Kirkus Reviews* states Utley's portrayal is of one who "was neither a hero nor a thug." This biography goes beyond the pat, conventional understandings to reveal truer character.

CUSTER

By Larry McMurtry (Simon & Schuster)

McMurtry, with his name recognition and broad following, will muster a fresh crop of devotees to Custeriana with this concise, absorbing account that goes at a gallop. Well packaged with highly evocative period art and photography that will appeal to today's graphics-inclined mind-set.

THE INDIAN WARS

DELIVERANCE FROM THE LITTLE BIG HORN: DOCTOR HENRY PORTER AND CUSTER'S SEVENTH CAVALRY

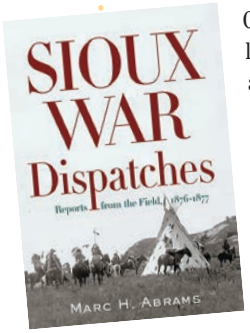
By Joan Nabseth Stevenson (University of Oklahoma Press)

As one source notes, "Stevenson's medical perspective on Little Big Horn is revelatory, written with an eye for striking details." Porter, the only surgeon to return from the battle, was attached to Reno's battalion.

TERRIBLE JUSTICE: SIOUX CHIEFS AND U.S. SOLDIERS ON THE UPPER MISSOURI, 1854-1868

By Doreen Chaky (Arthur H. Clark Company)

Concentrating on the pre-1870 history of the various Sioux bands, author Doreen Chaky details many heretofore little known or underappreciated aspects of the contentious cultural clash between a powerful tribe and the U.S. military.



SIOUX WAR DISPATCHES: REPORTS FROM THE FIELD, 1876-1877



Candy Moulton

Candy Moulton's book on the army surgeon and agent to the Sioux, *Valentine T. McGillycuddy*, from Arthur H. Clark Company, has been deemed the best book on Western History by the Denver Public Library.

Book I Love:
Give Your Heart to the Hawks by Win Blevins.

Best Book I Read This Year:
With Golden Visions Bright Before Them by Will Bagley. The only thing better than Bagley's in-depth research and masterful writing is his sharing spirit.

Favorite Western Film:
The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.

Dream Dinner Guests at Table for Four (Including Myself):
Valentine T. McGillycuddy, Chief Joseph and Crazy Horse.

Rookie of the Year:
Larry Bjornson, author of *Wide Open.*

Western Author Who Deserves More Recognition:
Nancy Plain.

Worst Plot Device:
"Buck saving Betsy." (The standard plot where the man rides in to the rescue, saving the woman and the ranch.)

Album of the Year:
Twelve Mile Road by Dave Stamey.

Hot in the Western Book World:
Walt Longmire (that great character created by Craig Johnson who is now taking over the small screen).

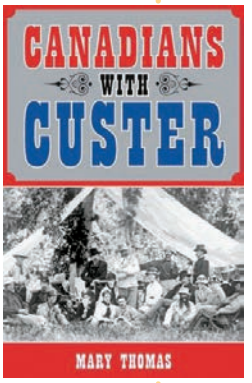
Not So Hot:
The decline in independent bookselling. I'm still mourning the migration of Sam Weller's Bookstore away from downtown Salt Lake City.

Why I Have Hope:
There is snow in the high country, which leads to water in the spring, grass for cattle and, with luck, a long winter to write.

Books

By Marc H. Abrams (Westholme Publishing)

Abrams sifts a trove of frontier-era newspaper correspondence to glean a compilation of choice finds, yielding insights not only into the tumults of the day, but also into the minds of the chroniclers themselves.



CANADIANS WITH CUSTER

By Mary Thomas (Dundurn)

Thomas tells the stories of the 17 Canadians—including Canadian-American journalist Mark Kellogg, who perished at the Little Big Horn—who accompanied the 7th Cavalry expedition of 1876.



BEST UNIVERSITY PRESS

University of Oklahoma Press

It was another banner year for the University of Oklahoma Press and another year of churning out must-read Western history books. The acclaimed publisher hauled in more than 30 awards and published over 75 books in 2012. Some of our favorites in the Western genre were *When Law Was in the Holster: The Frontier Life of Bob Paul* by John Boessenecker, *Great Sioux War Orders of Battle: How the United States Army Waged War on the Northern Plains, 1876-1877* by Paul L. Hedren and *Zebulon Pike, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* edited by Matthew L. Harris and Jay H. Buckley.

READER'S CHOICE:
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OUTLAWS & LAWMEN

WHEN LAW WAS IN THE HOLSTER: THE FRONTIER LIFE OF BOB PAUL

By John Boessenecker (University of Oklahoma Press)

The man we call the "bravest lawman you never heard of" is the subject of this long-overdue biography. Bob Paul's colorful career in California and the Arizona Territory is riveting reading.

THE McLAURYS IN TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA: AN O.K. CORRAL OBITUARY

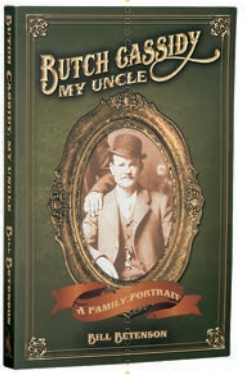
By Paul Lee Johnson (University of North Texas Press)

Were Tom and Frank McLaury simply a couple of bad guys who got theirs at the O.K. Corral? In this book, another of the fine works coming from UNT Press, Paul Lee Johnson refuses past characterizations and digs deeper into the much-told tale.

BUTCH CASSIDY, MY UNCLE

By Bill Betenson (High Plains Press)

Betenson updates his great-grandmother's tale, *Butch Cassidy, My Brother,* by bringing additional source material to the account of the famous outlaw.



"THAT FIEND IN HELL": SOAPY SMITH IN LEGEND

By Catherine Holder Spude (University of Oklahoma Press)

The Smith legend is in for a debunking in this interesting reassessment of the life of the purported "uncrowned king of Skagway."

SAM SIXKILLER: CHEROKEE FRONTIER LAWMAN

By Chris Enss and Howard Kazanjian (TwoDot)

Fans of Old West lawmen will find an interesting twist in this biography of Sam Sixkiller, a real-deal peace officer in the rowdy Oklahoma Territory who took it upon himself to honor the Cherokee way of life.

THE RECKONING: THE TRIUMPH OF ORDER ON THE TEXAS OUTLAW FRONTIER

By Peter R. Rose (Texas Tech University Press)

Out in the remote and lawless Edwards Plateau, outlaw raid after outlaw raid plagued these parts—particularly in Kimble County. Author Peter R. Rose tells how the Texas Rangers and others put the quietus on things.

EXPLORERS

SIGHT UNSEEN: HOW FREMONT'S FIRST EXPEDITION CHANGED THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

By Andrew Menard (Bison Books)

Frémont's first expedition, in 1842, served to transform the nation's impression of the "Great American Desert" that was the West. The author reveals how Frémont's reports shaped American outlook as well.

FREMONT'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS: THE ORIGINAL REPORT OF HIS EXPLORING EXPEDITIONS OF 1842-1844

Intro by Anne F. Hyde; By John C. Frémont (Bison Books)

Another look at the early expeditions of John C. Frémont, the "Great Pathfinder." Hyde, a professor of history at Colorado College, puts the explorer's work in crisp historical perspective.

WEAPONS OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

By Jim Garry (Arthur H. Clark Company)

Meriwether Lewis himself meticulously shopped for, and procured, the mini-arsenal of weapons that went up the Missouri with the Corps of Discovery. This book is the best examination available of the firearms, knives and other weaponry that went to the Pacific.



BEST PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK OF THE WEST

John Wayne: The Legend and the Man

The Duke. The man who continues to be one of the most recognizable icons in American film history starred in more than 200 films, many of those Westerns. In 2012, John Wayne Enterprises selected powerHouse Books to produce *John Wayne: The Legend and the Man*, a stunning exclusive look inside Wayne's archives. It's the first-ever authorized photographic record of the Duke's life, both on-screen and off, and it is full of film stills, backstage photos and candid pics from his private life.

READER'S CHOICE: *100 Years, 100 Ranchers* by Scott T. Baxter • 100Years100Ranchers.com

THE INDIANIZATION OF LEWIS AND CLARK

By William R. Swagerty (Arthur H. Clark Company)

The Corps of Discovery that departed St. Louis, Missouri, in 1804 was a different entity than the bunch that returned in 1806. Swagerty shows how the crew's adaptations to American Indian ways were not just helpful to them, but also crucial.

THE NORTH AMERICAN JOURNALS OF PRINCE MAXIMILIAN OF WIED, VOLUME III: SEPTEMBER 1833-AUGUST 1834

Edited by Stephen S. Witte and Marsha V. Gallagher (University of Oklahoma Press)

Artist Karl Bodmer left an indelible stamp on the Missouri River forays of 1833-34, but Prince Maximilian was the man who mounted the expedition. This is a fine volume, lavishly turned out.

UP THE WINDS AND OVER THE TETONS: JOURNAL ENTRIES AND IMAGES FROM THE 1860 RAYNOLDS EXPEDITION

By Marlene Deahl Merrill and Daniel D. Merrill (University of New Mexico Press)

William F. Raynolds's report was issued by the government in 1868 in heavily-edited form. The authors have resorted to his field notes to properly relate this tale of courage and hardship.

ZEBULON PIKE, THOMAS JEFFERSON, AND THE OPENING OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Edited by Matthew L. Harris and Jay H. Buckley (University of Oklahoma Press)

As we approach the bicentennial of Pike's April 1813 death, this reappraisal, in the form of essays from leading American West historians of the 21st century, brings a measure of redemption to an earnest figure who has been somewhat maligned.

SHOWMANSHIP, WILD WEST STYLE

BUFFALO BILL IN BOLOGNA: THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE WORLD, 1869-1922

By Robert W. Rydell and Rob Kroes (University of Chicago Press)

Buffalo Bill in Bologna has been described as a "tour de force that recasts what has been popularly understood about this period of American and global history." No argument here.

THE WILD WEST IN ENGLAND: THE PAPERS OF WILLIAM F. "BUFFALO BILL" CODY

Edited by Frank Christianson; By William F. Cody (Bison Books)

Cody himself said that his show's first season in England prompted the British to "know more of the mighty nation beyond the Atlantic and . . . to esteem us better than at



Farrar, Straus and Giroux plans to publish a new biography of Wyatt Earp this summer.

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Fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder–or anything *Little House on the Prairie*–will be pleased to know that the South Dakota State Historical Society Press will publish Wilder's autobiography, *Pioneer Girl*, in 2013. Progress updates and multimedia content will be shared on *PioneerGirlProject.org*. The press has said that the book is "almost certainly the most important book" in the organization's past 15 years of existence.

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With Robert Utley's bio of Geronimo out in November and Paul Hutton's book on the Apache Wars due out later this year, the Apache trend should take its place in the heady heights where the Comanche craze has ridden since the publication of *Empire of the Summer Moon*.

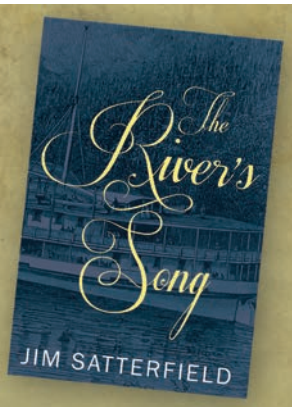
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Leland Stanford, California Gold Rush tycoon and Transcontinental Railroad baron, is the "tycoon" half of Edward Ball's blockbuster book release *The Inventor and the Tycoon* (Doubleday), a nonfiction tour de force that is almost sure to spawn a cinematic simulacrum. Ball's tale has it all–murder, the birth of motion pictures (the "inventor" is Eadweard Muybridge, of stop-action photography fame), some strange and decidedly un-prudish Victorian-era nudity and prurience, and Stanford's special brand of ruthlessness. Hmm–is that the sound of Hollywood calling?

–Jesse Mullins



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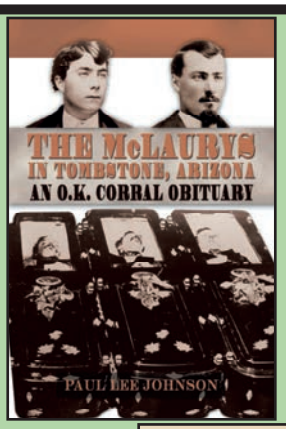
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NATIVE PERFORMERS IN THE WILD WEST SHOWS: FROM BUFFALO BILL TO EURO DISNEY

By Linda Scarangella McNenly
(University of Oklahoma Press)

Devotees of the Buffalo Bill legacy will appreciate *Native Performers* for the mythbusting elements and the fresh, beneath-the-surface scholarship.

SHORT WESTERN PROSE

THE ESSENTIAL WEST: COLLECTED ESSAYS

By Elliott West
(University of Oklahoma Press)

Essayist Elliott West tackles a broad range of themes in his inimitable style. Readers will feed on accounts of the bison, the telegraph, Larry McMurtry, Lewis & Clark, Jesse James and much more.

THE GREAT TAOS BANK ROBBERY AND OTHER TRUE STORIES

By Tony Hillerman; Foreword by Anne Hillerman (University of New Mexico Press)

This collection of journalistic efforts—going back even to his college days—by Tony Hillerman shows off the nonfiction prowess of the great chronicler of the Land of Enchantment.

VISUAL FEASTS

GREATEST PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AMERICAN WEST

By James C. McNutt
(National Geographic Books)

This richly illustrated (obviously!) collection of stunning photos is the companion volume to a touring exhibition of works that began appearing in museums across the nation in October 2012.

ELEVATING WESTERN AMERICAN ART

Edited by Thomas Brent Smith
(Denver Art Museum)

The Petrie Institute of Western American Art at the Denver Art Museum marked its tenth anniversary in 2011. This book, which features 320 color illustrations, highlights the institute's undisputed masterworks.

SHORT NIGHTS OF THE SHADOW CATCHER: THE EPIC LIFE AND IMMORTAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF EDWARD CURTIS

By Timothy Egan
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

We know Curtis's work. But who knows the man? Now we do, thanks to prize-winning author Timothy Egan.

OLD WEST FICTION READS

WITH BLOOD IN THEIR EYES

By Thomas Cobb
(University of Arizona Press)

Cobb, the author of *Shavetail* and *Crazy Heart*, turns his talents to the telling of a violent event in Arizona in the early 20th century, and to the undercurrents that led to it.



KILL THE INDIAN: A KILLSTRAIGHT STORY

By Johnny D. Boggs (Five Star)

Boggs comes through again in what some have called the best of the Killstraight series. In this Old West detective tale, Killstraight heads for Texas, where he encounters Quanah Parker.

LITTLE CENTURY: A NOVEL

By Anna Keesey
(Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

The New York Times puts it thus: "The little town of Century is trying to eke out a living in the high desert of eastern Oregon when 18-year-old Esther Chambers arrives in

the fledgling outpost, an orphan in search of her only known relative."

BLOOD STORM

Bill Brooks (Five Star)

Madam Liddy Winslow opens an escort service in Deadwood and, after the deaths of three of her girls, a detective story unfolds that brings her into contact with Doc Holliday and King Fisher.

THE LONER: INFERNO

By J.A. Johnstone (Pinnacle)

The loner, himself on a trail of vengeance, throws in with a pioneering party of settlers moving through Apache country.

HISTORICAL WESTERN ROMANCE

WAGONS WEST: TEXAS FREEDOM!

By Dana Fuller Ross (Pinnacle)

One Capt. Paul Franklin, called the "Wagonmaster" for his roles in leading many trains westward, meets his love in Nancy Darrow, and their romance is played out against a tumultuous backdrop in 1860s-era Texas.

SONG OF MY HEART

By Kim Vogel Sawyer (Bethany House)

This is an 1890s sweet-thing-from-the-farm-meets-lawman-in-Kansas kind of tale, with the twist coming in the fact that our gal gets unintentionally mixed up with the bootlegging bunch our lawman is out to corral.

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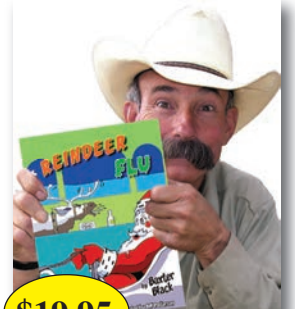
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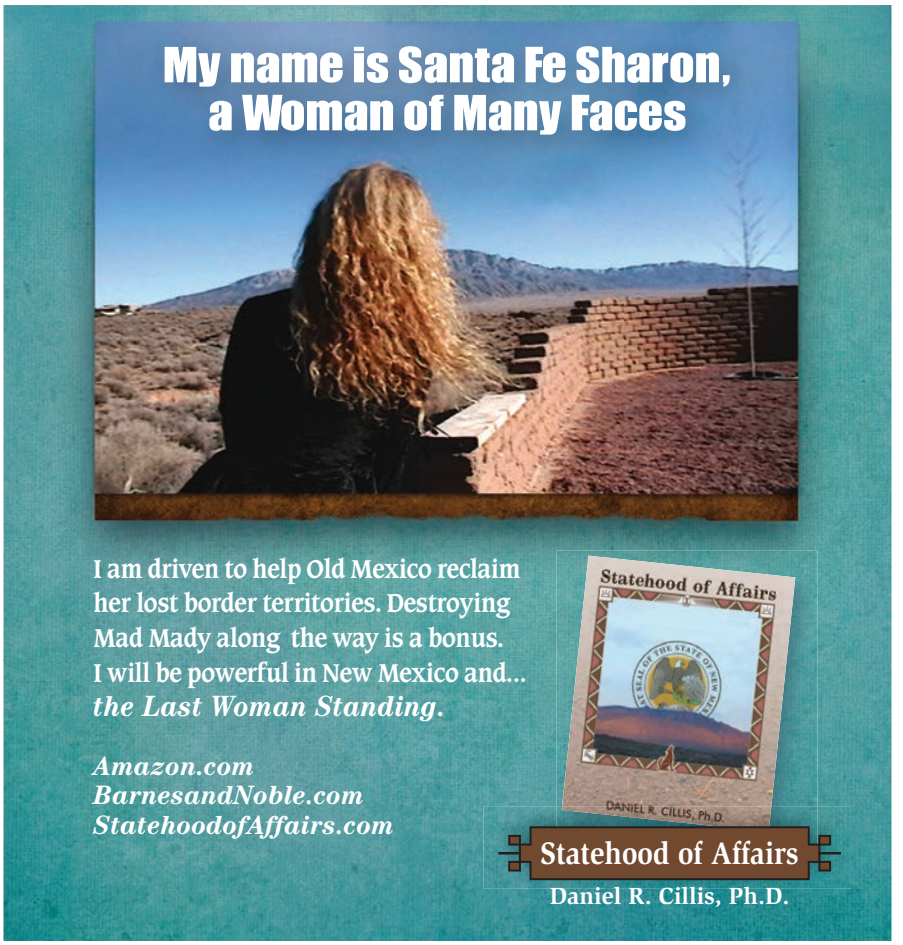
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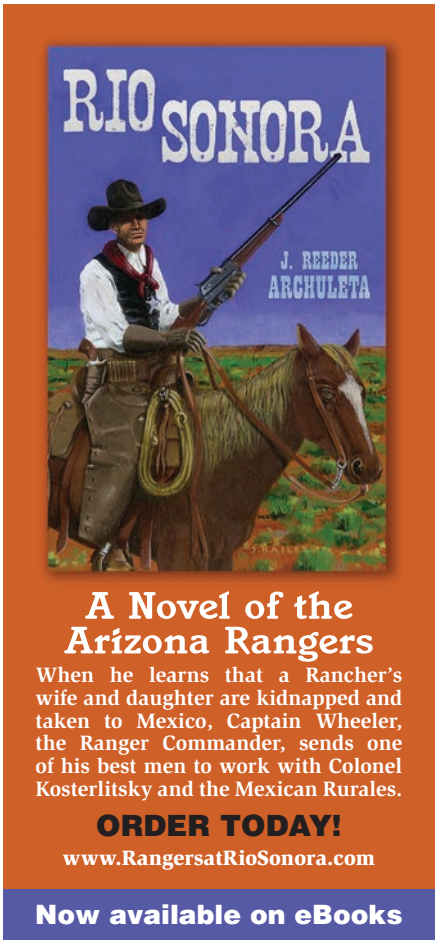
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– Courtesy Barry Ward –

The future of Western music seems to lie in Acoustic music and Country music.

More Western music is being recorded and performed today than at any other time, but the question is: Who is listening? For the most part, Baby Boomers, many of whom deem a performer "authentic" only if his or her music reaches back to the Singing Cowboy film era.

I believe Western music will live on and can even thrive, but it won't be joined at the hip with Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. The future lies in Western singers and songwriters blending the sounds of Acoustic and Country. One reason Acoustic music is popular in today's Western music scene is because it fills our need for the human touch in this high-tech, social media world.

Bob Dylan once sang, "He not busy being born is busy dying," and that is the challenge for Western music. Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "If the single man plant himself indomitably on his instincts, and there abide, the huge world will come round to him." That is the hope for the future of Western music.

BY MARVIN O'DELL

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CAROLYN MARTIN

With the release of *Tennessee Local*, Carolyn Martin has secured her position on the top rung of Western Swing music.



Produced by her husband, Dave, this album would make Bob Wills envious.

BRENN HILL

In *Rodeo Heaven*, Brenn Hill's newest album, you can sense the relief he feels after the positive diagnoses his son Briggs has been receiving regarding a life-threatening disease. Not a traditionalist, Hill creates music that is edgy, creative and cowboy all the way.

BILL GANZ WESTERN BAND

Working with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra of late seems to have re-energized this fine Western music band. The members are: Bill Ganz, Ralph Gilmore, Rich Brennion and Bill Ronstadt (Linda's brother). The latest album is *Trail Ridin'*, a pleasant mix of Traditional Cowboy and Western Swing tunes.

TRINITY SEELY

Western music is in safe hands if the songs of this ranch wife are any indication of its future. Trinity Seely's new self-titled album is full of real cowboy life while, at the same time, she touches on lots of solid Western history. These songs are carefully written and edited, and they will provoke within any listener an interest in the true West.

THE ENGLISH BROTHERS

Keeping alive the tradition of stacked harmony cowboy singing in the style of the Sons of the Pioneers, the English Brothers released its latest album, *Livin' the Western Way.* This is a compendium to show up-and-coming Western groups how to "do it right."

JIM JONES

Borrowed Time, the latest offering from the 2008 Academy of Western Artists Male Vocalist of the Year, displays some of the most intriguing Western tales you'll find anywhere. And no one sings them like Jim Jones. A good Western movie script could be written from any one of the songs on this album.

JUNI FISHER

You won't be able to pigeonhole Juni Fisher's latest album, *Secret Chord*. Folk, Swing, Vaudeville, Western, Pop, Country, Ray Charles, Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits—it's all here—are in these songs Fisher loves to sing. "Pearl White Jag" is an especially well-crafted song from Fisher's pen. "Who They Are," cowritten with cowboy poet Waddie Mitchell, is also a feature track.

TRAILS & RAILS

It's hard not to like *Off the Beaten Path*, the latest release from Trails & Rails out of La Mesa, California. It's Folk, it's Swing, it's Country, it's Blues, it's Western, it's fun instrumentals, it's . . . well, it's just a nice mix of Acoustic music that offers up simple, down-home enjoyment.

BEST SOLO MUSICIAN

Mary Kaye

The awards keep piling up for Mary Kaye, and deservedly so. The former Western Music Association "Female Vocalist of the Year" was up for three more WMA awards thanks to her terrific 2012 album *No Wilder Place*. The title track definitely deserved its WMA nomination for "Song of the Year," but we implore you to listen to her take on the cowboy classic "Streets of Laredo."

READER'S CHOICE:
Dave Stamey • Nipomo, CA • DaveStamey.com

CINDY SMITH

"Bluegrass Gal Grows Up on Marty Robbins" could be the headline for a story on Cindy Smith. However, if you listen to her new album, *Cantinas, Lies, & Dead Cowboys*, you won't have to read the story.

BILL BARWICK

Although you may not have heard of Bill Barwick, if you've watched the Encore's Westerns Channel, you have heard him. His voice has been pre-announcing programs and



Barry Ward

Barry Ward is one of the most universal cowboy singers today. He has even taken his cowboy music to the wilds of Africa. *West of Dodge,* his latest album, contains some of his finest writing to date, as well as some excellent inspirational tunes. The song "Eli Crow," written by the late Paul Hendel, should become a classic cowboy gunfighter song in the vein of songs like "El Paso" and "Cross the Brazos to Waco."

Best CD I Heard This Year:
Timeless by the Quebe Sisters Band.

Best Concert:
"The Great American Cowboy Concert," Carnegie Hall, New York City, 2003.

Dream Dinner Guests at Table for Four (Including Myself):
My wife, Victoria, and former President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura.

Favorite Guitar Player:
Glen Campbell.

Western Singer Who Caught My Ear in 2012:
Joe Merrick of Sayre, Oklahoma.

Favorite Fiddle Player:
Joe Stephenson.

Western Singer Who Deserves More Recognition:
Judy Coder.

Western Songwriter Who Deserves More Recognition:
Joe Merrick.

Influences on My Music:
Don Williams, Bruce Springsteen and former guitar teacher Ron Rolland.

Who's Making Waves in Cowboy Music Today:
My old friends from Kansas, 3 Trails West.

Music

singing jingles since the channel went on the air. Barwick's new album, *The Usual Suspects,* brings you Pat Garrett, Wyatt Earp, the Dalton Gang and other characters of the Old West. This is the most true Western album released all year.

FROM THE WESTERN MUSIC HALL OF FAME

RIDERS IN THE SKY

Ranger Doug, Too Slim, Woody Paul and Joey, the Cowpolka King, released a new album of Traditional Cowboy tunes. Marketed through Cracker Barrel restaurants, *America's Favorite Cowboy Songs* manifests the high-energy performances found in any Riders' concert. Also released to Western radio for the first time was the band's Gospel album, *Land Beyond the Sun*.

RED STEAGALL

This Country & Western veteran hasn't lost a step musically as his latest album, *Dreamin' of . . . When the Grass Was Still Deep*, evidences. Mike Blakely's well-written "Charlie Siringo" will inspire you to read up on the frontier lawman's history while you hum the tune, and Red Steagall, per usual, tosses in a couple of poems for fans of cowboy poetry.

MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

Campfire on the Road features Murph in an informal, around-a-campfire setting that produced what feels like a purely spontaneous concert. It's Murphey at his best!

REX ALLEN JR.

The featured songs on this new album by Rex Allen Jr., titled *Other Voices*, are the original songs "Ruidoso" and "Bullets in the Gun." His revival of Johnny Cash's "Don't Take Your Guns to Town" is as poignant as the original, and Allen Jr.'s interpretation of the Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling" has turned it into a true cowboy tune.

HERB JEFFRIES

The true "Last of the Silver Screen Singing Cowboys" and one-time lead singer of the original Duke Ellington Band did not record this year; however, he has written some new songs. One of them is a Christmas song that he is due to perform in December. Not bad for a man who turned 99 years old in September.

SONS OF THE PIONEERS

Hosting the only Western music-centered show in Branson, Missouri, the Sons of the Pioneers will enter the band's 80th year of performing, yet without lead guitar player and vocalist Gary LeMaster, who passed away last year after 26 years with the group. Always a quality act, the Sons of the Pioneers continue to carry on the traditions established by Roy Rogers, Tim Spencer and Bob Nolan.



BEST COWBOY POET

Baxter Black

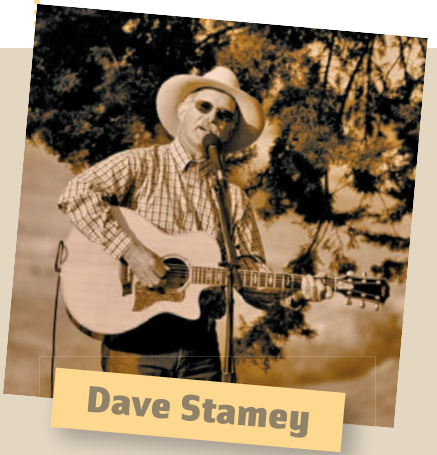
The best in the business keeps on rollin' with another busy year in 2012. Cowboy poet, NPR humorist and author Baxter Black had another year full of public appearances and shows, yet he still managed to release two more books: the humorous novel *Ride, Cowboy, Ride! 8 Seconds Ain't That Long* and *Reindeer Flu*, an illustrated Christmas story with a slightly twisted cowboy perspective. We hope Black doesn't slow down anytime soon, and if 2012 is any indication, he certainly won't.

READER'S CHOICE:
Baxter Black • Benson, AZ • BaxterBlack.com

WESTERN MUSIC STAGE SHOWS

THE SILVER SCREEN COWBOY PROJECT SHOW FEATURING THE RED HOT RHYTHM RUSTLERS

This full stage show with multimedia is performed by the Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers. The band's latest album, *Breakin' Out*, rose to #1 on *The Western Way* Magazine's Cowboy/Western Music chart and remained in the Top 10 for nine months. The show features original songs written about America's favorite movie cowboys of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. It also features the amazing guitar artistry of Tom Boyer and beautiful harmonies by Audrey McLaughlin, Dawn Pett and Gale Rogers.



Dave Stamey

Possibly the busiest Western music artist performing today, Dave Stamey has put out his ninth album, *Twelve Mile Road,* in a series of projects filled with sophisticated cowboy and Western songs that come from an extremely literate pen. His dry sense of humor makes his work even that much more appealing.

Influences on My Music:
John Steinbeck, John Reese, Marty Robbins and Hank Williams.

Best Concert:
July 1977–Marty Robbins, with just a four-piece band. No smoke, no laser shows, no video screens, no swinging from a trapeze–just the music and banter. It is still, after all these years, the best show I ever saw.

Favorite Western Film:
The Long Riders.

Dream Dinner Guests at Table for Four (Including Myself):
Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen and Jimmy Webb.

Favorite Guitar Player:
Tommy Emmanuel.

Book I Loved:
They Don't Shoot Cowards by John Reese. A very fun romp and fun read. This fella was my mentor, an old-time Western author who taught me the rudiments of writing; primarily that the work is not going to get done if you don't plant your butt in the chair and do it.

I Love Playing At:
Anyplace that has a zip code, I'll be there sooner or later.

Who's Making Waves in Cowboy Music Today:
This genre may not have the flash and sizzle in an arena-sized venue, but it does lend itself to small, heartfelt performances that can change lives. I've seen it happen. I have a great deal of faith and hope in Carin Mari & Pony Express from Buena Vista, Colorado.

THE COWBOY AIN'T DEAD YET FEATURING R.J. VANDYGRIFF

After enjoying two years on the busy main strip of Branson, Missouri, R.J. Vandygriff has taken his performance as Joe Texas on the road. The show features some of the most popular cowboy tunes ever written and stories about the real cowboy life. Cowboy poetry mixed in with the songs adds to the variety of the show. A genuine drover setting around a campfire sets the mood for a performance loved by all who see it. *The Cowboy Ain't Dead Yet: Vol. 3* is the capstone for Vandygriff's trilogy of albums built around the show.

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Tom Hiatt

His song "Bronc to Breakfast," which brings a famous Charlie Russell painting to life, won Tom Hiatt the "Song of the Year" award from the Academy of Western Artists. One critic noted that his album *Appaloosa Moon* was the "best-produced Western music album since Ian Tyson's early material." A knowledgeable expert on the B-Western, Hiatt often performs in full cowboy regalia.

Influences on My Music:
Johnny Cash, Ian Tyson and Marty Robbins.

Best Concert:
Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Gordon Lightfoot together in 1975.

Favorite Western Film:
The Electric Horseman.

Book I Loved:
Last Buckaroo by Mackey Hedges.

Dream Dinner Guests at Table for Four (Including Myself):
Bob Nolan, Ian Tyson and Marty Robbins.

Favorite Guitar Player:
Jim Soldi.

Favorite Fiddle Player:
Dennis Caplinger.

Favorite Western Songwriter:
Bob Nolan.

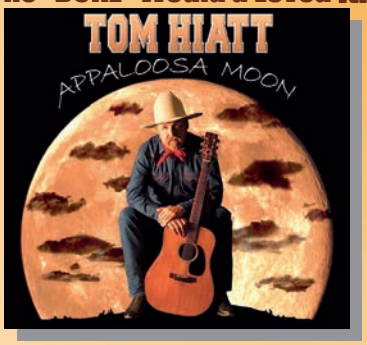
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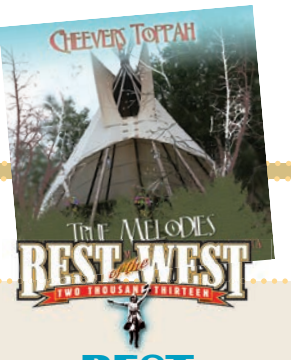
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Art & Collectibles

BY MEGHAN SAAR



What a grand year for Terpning fans.

For those collectors who can afford to spend a million and some change, this was a great year to score some fantastic pieces by Howard Terpning. The record-breaking *Captured Ponies* (above) hammered in for $1.7 million at Scottsdale Art Auction. (The auction house also sold *Mystic Power of the War Shield* for $1.3 million and *Leader of Men* for $850,000.)

Most of Terpning's fans could not even come close to ponying up those dollars, but they could afford to shell out a few bucks for his retrospective, especially the first in more than a decade. And many of them did . . . with much glee and anticipation. Nearly everyone who got a chance to see the nearly 100 pieces spanning 30 years, the majority of which came from private collections, left with one word: "overwhelming." That show may very well have been the last of its kind for many years to come, if ever again. To top it off, Greenwich Workshop published a book featuring the artwork in the retrospective. So folks who couldn't make the trip still got access to the incredible collection!

This past year, whether rich or poor, many of Terpning's fans got a big bang for their bucks.

OUR FAVORITE ART & COLLECTIBLES

World Record Bids



$2.45 Million
(WORLD RECORD)

Christie's New York
April 10, 2012

$1.2 Million

Swann Galleries
October 4, 2012

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By Edward S. Curtis

Why Collectors Love It:
Edward S. Curtis's 30-year odyssey to document the lives of America's Indians is visual anthropology at its best. Many see it as the most ambitious publishing project since the King James Bible.



$864,000
(WORLD RECORD)

Sotheby's
January 20, 2012
Colt Model 1849 Pocket Revolver

Why Collectors Love It:
Colt's classic animal designs likely contributed to this boost in value for the gold-inlaid 1849 pocket revolver; it beat out the previous record, for an 1836 Colt, set by Heritage Auctions.



$1.6 Million
(WORLD RECORD)

Stack's Bowers Galleries
August 9, 2012
1873 Carson City Liberty Seated Dime

Why Collectors Love It:
Minted in Carson City, Nevada,this coin is indeed rare—it's the only one of its kind, which is why collectors have dubbed it the "King of Carson City Coins."



$1.44 Million
(WORLD RECORD)

John Moran Auctioneers
June 19, 2012
First-Phase Navajo Blanket

Why Collectors Love It:
Shattering the Navajo blanket record set by Sotheby's back in 1989, this blanket acquired by John Chantland in 1870s Dakota Territory scored big with collectors because only four other First Phase blankets incorporating lac-dyed red stripes are known to exist outside of public collections.





$625,000
(WORLD RECORD)

High Noon Western Americana
January 28, 2012
Pancho Villa's Last Saddle

Why Collectors Love It:
Not only was this the Mexican Revolutionary general's last saddle, Pancho Villa's widow gave it to director Howard Hawks while he was filming *Viva Villa!*



$465,000
(WORLD RECORD)

Rock Island Auction
September 9, 2012
Colt "Buntline Special"

Why Collectors Love It:
Colt manufactured only 10 of the 16-inch "Buntline Specials."



$800,000

Coeur d'Alene Art Auction
July 21, 2012
Cowboys Roping the Bear
By Frank Tenney Johnson

Why Collectors Love It:
Although Johnson is more known for his pioneer moonlit night scenes of the West, works like this one, which offers an intimate insight into cowboy life, are still highly collectible.



$750,000

Scottsdale Art Auction
March 31, 2012
The Great Spirit
By William R. Leigh

Why Collectors Love It:
Since many of Leigh's artworks portray action scenes, collectors gravitate to his contemplative Western canvases, particularly those reflecting the artist's admiration for American Indians.



$600,000

Jackson Hole Art Auction
September 15, 2012
John Ermine
By Frederic Remington

Why Collectors Love It:
Portrays the lead character from a 1902 Western novel by a man better known as an illustrator than for his writings.



$375,000

The Russell
March 17, 2012
Waiting for Her Brave's Return
By C.M. Russell

Why Collectors Love It:
This original watercolor came from the Renner estate; Frederic Renner and later his wife, Ginger, were the top authenticators of Russell artwork.





$750,000

Coeur d'Alene Art Auction
July 21, 2012
Chief Joseph Shirt

Why Collectors Love It:
This shirt is supported by photographic provenance of the Nez Perce chief wearing the garment in October 1877; we also know it is his personal shirt, not a studio shirt, because an artist painted a portrait of him in this shirt in 1878.



$290,000

Bonhams
May 1, 2012
Southern Plains Indian Warrior, 1894
By Henry Farny

Why Collectors Love It:
Collectors don't often get a chance to bid on a newly discovered masterwork, as was the case after this painting was discovered in an estate sale.



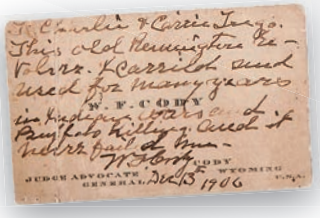


$280,000

Rock Island Auction
September 9, 2012
Bob Dalton Colt Single Action

Why Collectors Love It:
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$200,000

Heritage Auctions
June 10, 2012
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Prescott, AZ
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Kirkland, AZ • BillOwenCA.com

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401 Dove Dr. Weatherford, TX 76088
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Cave Creek, AZ
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1305 Clyde Dr. Marrero, LA 70072
504-328-7844 • BuckTaylor.com

Buckaroo Artist
Carl F. Hammond reflects his ranching heritage through paintings and bronze sculptures.
Burns, OR
541-420-7882 • BuckarooArtist.com

Charles Schridde
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Scottsdale, AZ
602-502-3200 • SchriddeStudios.com

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329 Hwy. 16 E. Buffalo, WY 82834
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217 W. San Francisco St. Santa Fe, NM 87501
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Expressions Galleries
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800-291-3026 • ExpressionsGalleries.com
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307-660-7695 • GeorgeVanBuren.com

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100 W. Grand Ave. Mancos, CO 81328
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33 Tubac Rd. Tubac, AZ 85646
520-398-2811 • HalEmpieStudio-Gallery.com



BEST WESTERN ART COLLECTION

Anschutz Collection

What once was only available to be seen by appointment is now open to the public on a regular basis at the American Museum of Western Art in Denver, Colorado. Selections from the Anschutz Collection have been shown around the world, but now the more than 650 drawings and paintings can all be found in one place. For lovers of Western art, this collection should not be missed. It showcases pieces from a number of schools and genres that have contributed to the development and evolution of Western art.

READER'S CHOICE: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum · Oklahoma City, OK · NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Jerry Crandall
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480-720-2582 • KarenMclainStudio.com

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32800 Serendipity Trail Evergreen, CO 80439
800-859-1742 • LarryFanningStudios.com

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7178 E. Main St. Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480-945-1113 • LegacyGallery.com
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307-733-2353 • LegacyGallery.com

Manitou Galleries
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123 W. Palace Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87501
225 Canyon Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87501
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866-894-7451 • MedicineManGallery.com

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Clifton, TX
800-920-0220 • OverlandGallery.com

Maze Creek Studio
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Carthage, MO
800-432-1581 • AndyThomas.com

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2418 W. Colorado Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
719-471-9391 • MichaelGarman.com

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245 Roca Roja Rd. Sedona, AZ 86351
928-300-4407 • TrcicStudio.com

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Heard Museum

Established with humble beginnings in 1929, the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona, has evolved into the preeminent exhibitor of American Indian art. In addition to its signature exhibit, "Native People in the Southwest," the museum features several exhibitions annually. In 2012, the museum presented exhibits about the Apaches beyond Geronimo, a feature on Hopi pottery and dual exhibits celebrating native soldiers, which will both extend into 2013. In November, the museum added another must-see attraction with the formal dedication of the American Indian Veterans National Memorial, the first and only known national monument dedicated to American Indian veterans.

READER'S CHOICE: Heard Museum • Phoenix, AZ • Heard.org

Open Range Gallery
This Western art gallery features works by Roger Archibald, Marless Fellows, Chris Navarro and more.
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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480-946-0044 • OpenRangeGallery.com

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BEST WESTERN ART GALLERY

Legacy Gallery

When looking to add a piece of fine Western art to your collection, the Legacy Gallery should be your first stop. The gallery, owned by Brad and Jinger Richardson, represents about 100 nationally-known artists and specializes in paintings and sculptures encompassing a variety of subject matter. If you want it, this place likely has it. The gallery also hosts special events throughout the year at its Scottsdale, Arizona, and Jackson, Wyoming, locations, and it is a partner in the Scottsdale Art Auction, which posted more than $13 million in bids in 2012.

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Tucson, AZ • SheilaCottrell.com

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Scottsdale, AZ • SherryBlanchardStuart.com

Situ Art Gallery
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830-816-5335 • TexasTreasuresFineArt.com

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55 S. Atlantic St. Studio 407 Seattle, WA 98134
DueWestGallery.com

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505-632-8080 • TimCox.com

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Denver, CO
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BEST WESTERN BRONZE SCULPTOR

Harold T. Holden

Holden, or "H," has been skillfully crafting Western sculptures for over 35 years with more than 20 works on public display. Last May, he added another must-see public piece to his legacy with his bronze sculpture of legendary slave-turned-lawman Bass Reeves (see the artist working on it above). Talk about dedication—the artist overcame lung transplant difficulties to complete the statue. You can see *Into the Territories,* the Bass Reeves Legacy Monument, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, at the Ross Pendergraft Park.

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Hayden, ID / Reno, NV
208-772-9009 • CDAArtAuction.com

Cowan's Auctions
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Cincinnati, OH
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Dakota Plains Auctions
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605-209-4322 • DakotaPlainsAuctions.com

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866-815-0607 • GoWestProductions.com

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High Noon Western Americana Show & Auction
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Mesa, AZ • 310-202-9010 • HighNoon.com

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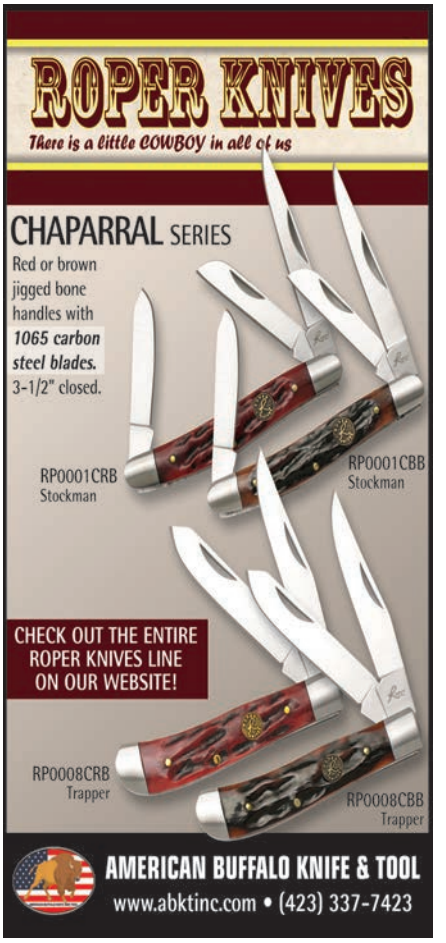
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READER'S CHOICE: Harold Warp Pioneer Village · Minden, NE · PioneerVillage.org

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BEST WESTERN PAINTER

Howard Terpning

The list of awards and honors lauded on Howard Terpning is long and ever growing. Often referred to as the "Storyteller of the Native American," Terpning creates intricately-detailed works that have been sought after by collectors for decades, with some selling at auction for more than $1 million. His popularity is strong as ever, as one of his works broke another auction record last April—*Captured Ponies,* which bid in for $1.7 million at Scottsdale Art Auction. The next month, a rare artist retrospective opened at the Autry in Los Angeles; his works on exhibit were also featured in a grand book, *Terpning: Tribute to the Plains People.*

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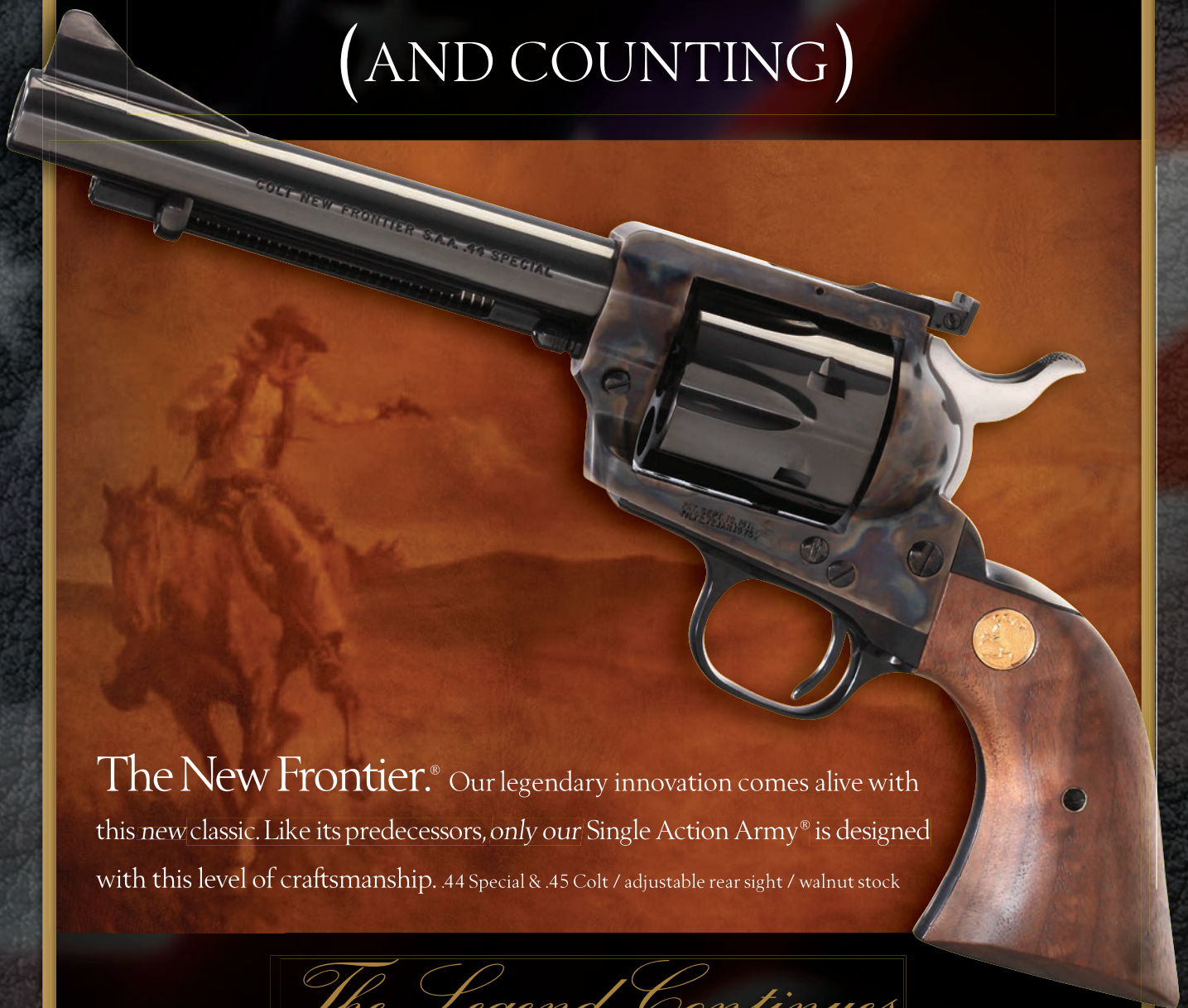
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The world's third-largest auction house is the go-to place for Old West memorabilia auctions. Heritage Auctions hosts thousands of auctions throughout the year; in 2012, the company auctioned off pieces that included a painted-from-life oil portrait of Sitting Bull, signed by the chief himself, and firearms such as a Marlin .22-caliber rifle owned by Wild West showgirl Annie Oakley. When you find that gotta-have-it collectible, Heritage makes bidding easy, as you can bid in person, online, over the phone or via e-mail.

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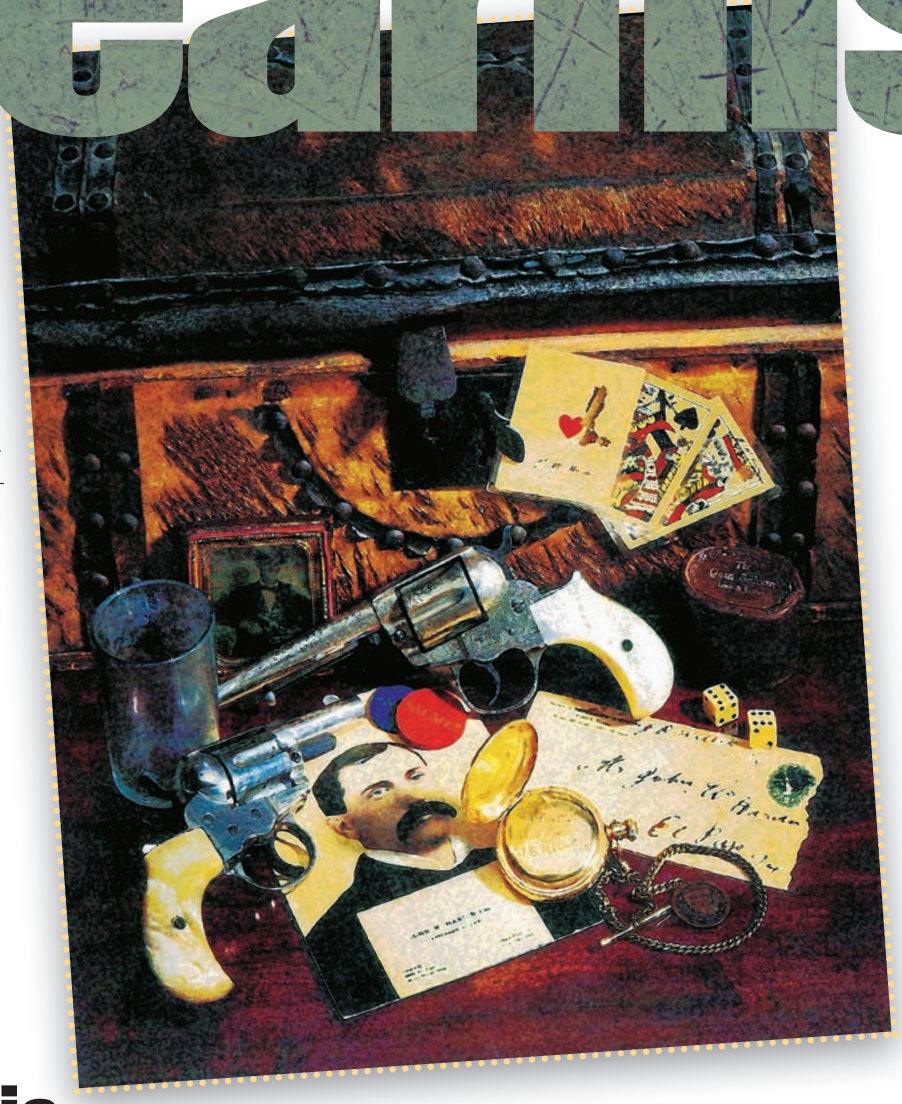
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Displayed with assorted John Wesley Hardin memorabilia are two of the gunfighter's personal weapons: his .41 Colt "Thunderer" (top) and his .38 Colt "Lightning," which were sold at auction in 1996.

– Courtesy Bonhams –

Upcoming Hardin biopic producer pays attention to Hardin's "real guns" presented in *True West*.

"We've long held a fascination for the gunmen of the Wild West, and firearms enthusiasts have been especially interested in the hardware used by them," wrote Phil Spangenberger, as he introduced our readers to the firearms owned or used by notorious desperado John Wesley Hardin.

After the publication of "Hardin's Deadly Tools" in our April 2012 issue, we heard from Miguel Corona, the producer of an upcoming Hardin biopic, which will be shot by Southwest Pistolero Productions in either Texas or Oregon this spring. "We are going for complete authenticity," he said, assuring us he has all the correct pieces presented in Spangenberger's article in his inventory. Larry Zeug supplied the gunleather and period pistols for the film.

Before you know it, you may have the chance to see examples of Hardin's firearms on the silver screen, such as the .41 Colt "Thunderer," the .38 Colt "Lightning," the 12-gauge W.C. Scott & Son English shotgun, the Smith & Wesson .44-40 Frontier Double Action and more deadly tools.

Firearms

Phil Spangenberger

Variety is the spice of life, and I've flavored my *Shooting from the Hip* column with the old and the new by sharing both our firearms heritage and the latest in Western firearms today.

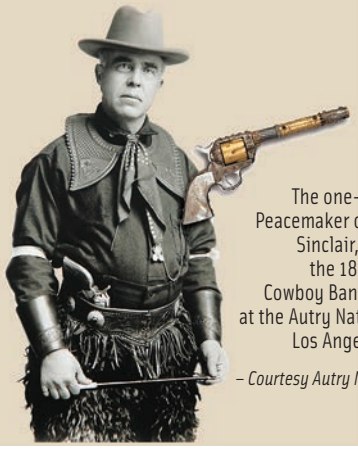
Last year, I devoted a half-dozen articles to the guns of the Old West, with offerings such as Remington's frontier big-bore six-guns (July), Winchester's 1866 "Yellowboy" lever rifle (June), the 12 guns that tamed Arizona (February) and John Wesley Hardin's deadly firearms (April), the last of which, I'm pleased to say, is being used by a motion picture company to correctly arm its Wes Hardin actor for an upcoming film.

Shooting from the Hip is an apt title for my column since I often find that some new or particularly interesting firearm, like Lyman's Mini Sharps (August) or Uberti's "El Patrón" revolver (October), or a firearms event, such as the Autry National Center's colorful exhibit on the Colt Revolver in the American West (September), will cause me to reload my pen and hip shoot off a column in order to provide timely coverage.

No matter if I'm delving into the old or new, each month I get to share my passion of the West with friends all over–including some I haven't even met yet!

Another reason I enjoy writing for *True West* is the magazine affords me the opportunity to share period photos with readers. As one who has collected and studied these vintage images for decades, I love to share some of my own, along with those from fellow collectors.

In 2013, we promise to have a wagonload of interesting articles on the original and replica guns and gear of the Old West. So fasten your gunbelt and tighten that cinch, 'cause we're going to take you on one heck of a ride!



The one-of-a-kind Colt Peacemaker owned by Frank Sinclair, the director of the 1890s Dodge City Cowboy Band, is on display at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles, California.

– Courtesy Autry National Center –

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JIM DOWNING

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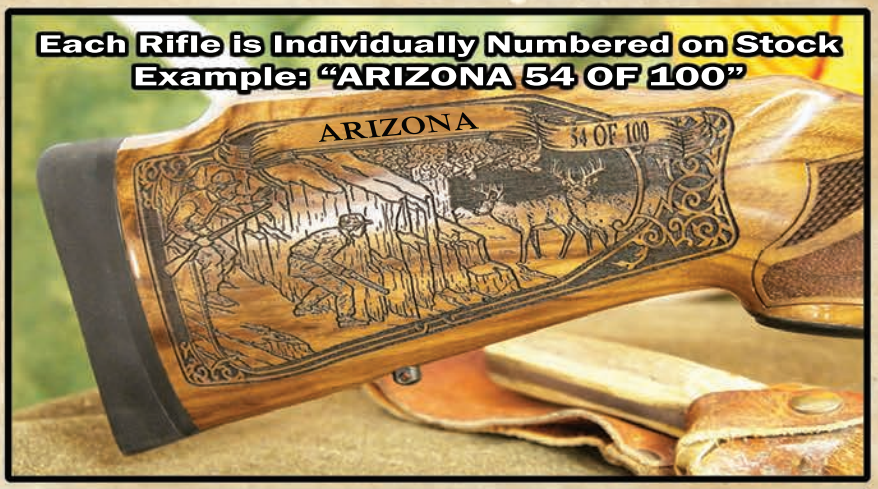
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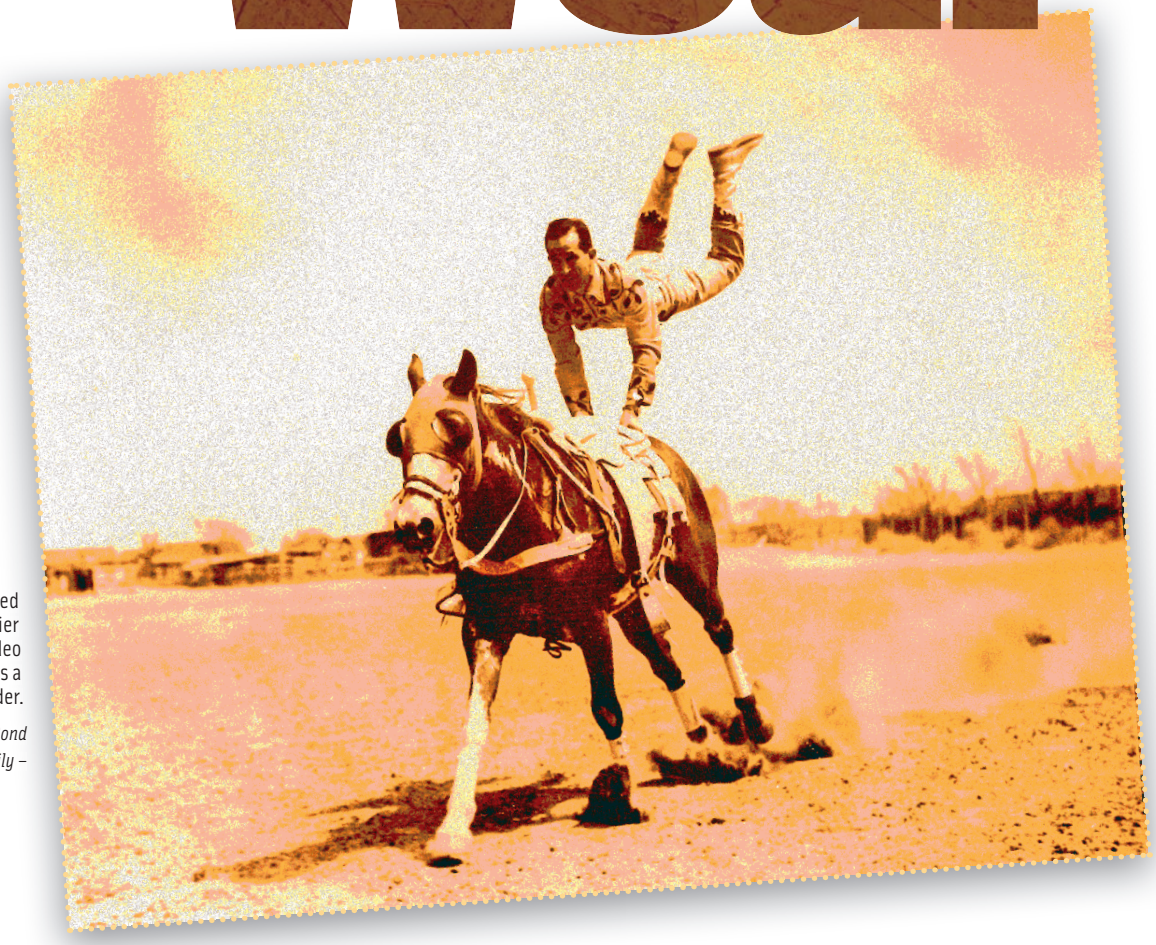
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Paul Bond got inspired to design flashier boots during his rodeo days performing as a trick rider.

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A tribute to the revered cowboy bootmaker.

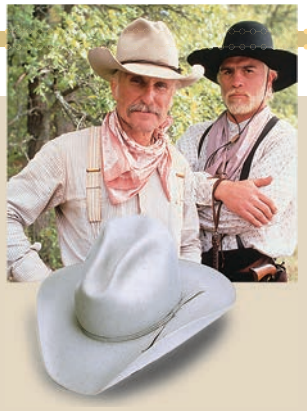
After Buck Brannaman got his deserving tribute in the award-winning *Buck* feature documentary last year, we all thought that Paul Bond should be next on the list.

At the time, the 96-year-old was still in the business of making satisfying boots for ranchers and cowboys. His time performing as a rodeo trick rider had actually helped him make his star turn; to impress the audiences, he crafted flashy boots with colorful shafts. He built up his boot business around his rodeo contacts and eventually found himself outfitting boots for celebrities such as Gene Autry, John Wayne, Johnny Cash and Clint Eastwood.

Bond put Nogales on the map when he opened his boot shop in that Arizona border town in 1955. He chatted up customers at his shop right up to the end of his life this past February.

Real cowboys will tell you Paul Bond's style has always been in fashion. We agree. The Western wear arena will not be the same without this rodeo cowboy.

Western Wear



Nearly every Western hatmaker crafts a version of the "Gus" hat made popular by Robert Duvall in *Lonesome Dove*; the above hat was made by Texas Hatters.

– Courtesy Texas Hatters –

Ken Amorosano

Last year, we helped you find iconic movie hats that ranged from *Lonesome Dove's* Gus hat to Clint Eastwood's Mormon hitman-inspired beaver hat. We still get fan mail about that article.

We shared with you how Texas Ranger Samuel Walker's handgun design for the Walker Colt started us on the path to the Ranger belt, a classic piece of Americana.

We even tracked down an authentic, handmade buffalo coat you could purchase today when we discussed the evolution of the buffalo hide into the distinctive fur coats worn by soldiers and cavalrymen on the frontier.

Our Old West culture has been defined by these and other historic clothing styles, and it lives on in the evolving styles that we see on the big screen and on the folks who live and breathe the great American Western lifestyle today.

Whether it's an Old West period outfit or contemporary garb inspired by history that makes you feel comfortable or stand out in the crowd, you can thank today's makers of both modern and period dress for keeping our Western heritage alive.

We are thankful for those designers and manufacturers who strive to keep us in this genre well dressed and well heeled, and we commend many of our readers who present themselves in fine Western apparel and accoutrements. We're often inspired by their outfits or by their questions put to us about the history of a particular style.

Every year, we travel far and wide to exercise our passion and pursuit for *True West* history. You can bet, when we do, we'll be dressed to the nines.

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PAUL BOND

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610 W. Daggett Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76104
817-332-4385 • JustinBoots.com

Laredo Boots
Carried by Dan Post Boots since 2004, covers the riding, classic and buckaroo styles of boots.
Clarksville, TN • DanPostBoots.com

Liberty Boot Co.
Madonna to Ozzie to YOU, Liberty cowboy boots are 100-percent handmade in designer styles.
286 Crawford St. Toronto, ON M6J 2V8
416-588-5013 • LibertyBootCo.com

Little's Boot Co.
Since 1915, this family-operated business handcrafts boots from premium leathers.
110 Division Ave. San Antonio, TX 78214
210-923-2221 • DaveLittleBoots.com

Lucchese Boot Co.
Since 1883, manufactures cowboy boots with leathers chosen from the finest hides.
40 Walter Jones Blvd. El Paso, TX 79906
915-778-3066 • Lucchese.com

McGuffin Custom Boots
Third-generation bootmaker Deana McGuffin makes boots and can help you make your own.
Albuquerque, NM
505-452-0690 • McGuffinBoots.com

M.L. Leddy's
Located in the Stockyards, has handcrafted Western-style boots since 1922.
2455 N. Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76164
888-565-2668 • Leddys.com

Nocona Boots
Creates cowboy boots in sizes 3-16 and widths AAAA to EEE, guaranteeing fit and comfort.
610 W. Daggett Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76104
800-548-1021 • Nocona.com

Olathe Boot Company
Since 1873, customizes boots with sole leather heel counters and spring steel shanks.
P.O. Box 13 Mercedes, TX 78570
OlatheBoots.com

Paul Bond Boot Co.
Custom cowboy leather boots made to order in the Paul Bond tradition since the 1950s.
915 W. Paul Bond Dr. Nogales, AZ 85621
520-281-0512 • PaulBondBoots.com

Rios of Mercedes
Est. in 1853, craftsmen take five times longer than an average bootmaker to create one pair.
P.O. Box 895 Mercedes, TX 78570
RiosOfMercedesBoots.com

Rocketbuster Boots
Since 1989, custom handmade boots decorated and crafted by second-generation bootmakers.
115 S. Anthony St. El Paso, TX 79901
915-541-1300 • Rocketbuster.com

Rocky Footwear
Manufactures outdoor and occupational footwear for rodeo and trail riders.
39 E. Canal St. Nelsonville, OH 45764
877-795-2410 • RockyBoots.com





Sorrell Custom Boots
Leather cowboy boots by Lisa Sorrell whose client list includes Marty Stuart and Trisha Yearwood.
217 E. Oklahoma St. Guthrie, OK 73044
405-282-5464 • SorrellCustomBoots.com

Tony Lama Boots
Since 1911, boots crafted with a shank and double ribbed steel strips to support the arch.
1137 Tony Lama St. El Paso, TX 79915
TonyLama.com

Tres Outlaws Boot Co.
Custom and stock handmade boots designed by Scott Emmerich and Jerry Black.
421 S. Cotton St. El Paso, TX 79901
915-544-2727 • FalconHead.com

Twisted X Boots
Since 2005, manufactures authentic looking cowboy and work boots with a consistent fit.
P.O. Box 1419 Decatur, TX 78234
888-894-2668 • TwistedXBoots.com

Buckles

Beal's Cowboy Buckles
Purveyor of historical Western buckles and newer buckles created by famous silversmiths.
7 Avenida Vista Grande Ste. B7-269
Santa Fe, NM 87508
888-610-5550 • BealsCowboyBuckles.com

Bob Berg Designs
Since 1975, Bob Berg specializes in custom and stock trophy buckles and floral buckle sets.
P.O. Box 239 Yantis, TX 75497
775-427-0898 • BobBergDesigns.com

Buckles Etc.
Since 1985, makes silver and gold trophy, rodeo queen, Ranger-style and ranch brand buckles.
732 Tracy Circle Umadilla, NE 68454
402-828-2222 • BucklesEtc.com

Clint Orms Engravers & Silversmiths
Custom and stock belt buckles, including historical styles named after Texas counties.
229b Old Ingram Loop Ingram, TX 78025
830-367-7949 • ClintOrms.com

Comstock Heritage
Since 1886, custom made sterling silver buckles, jewelry, accessories and housewares,
2300 Lockheed Way Carson City, NV 89706
775-882-8500 • ComstockHeritage.com

David Dear
Since 1969, Cherokee silversmith specializes in

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BEST WESTERN CLOTHING MAKER

MILLER RANCH

Miller Ranch continues to set the standard for classic Western styling and high-quality clothing. Back in 1918, Philip Miller first sold hats out West, and his name and legacy lives on today with the Rocky Mountain Clothing Co.'s Miller Ranch line. The impeccably tailored clothing line includes shirts and jackets, and the brand is a fitting tribute to the man who did so much for Western clothing over the decades.

READER'S CHOICE: Wrangler • Greensboro, NC • Wrangler.com





Western Wear

Sterling Silver belt buckles and concho belts.
P.O. Box 1117 San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566
800-753-8141 • DavidDear.com

Gist Silversmiths
Western-style Sterling Silver and 14K gold buckles, jewelry and bits and spurs since 1968.
4385 Pleasant Valley Rd. Placerville, CA 95667
800-456-4478 • GistSilversmiths.com

Horst Schrader Buckles
Since 1991, designer of silver, gold, engraved, stone adorned and SynStone line of buckles.
15 Camino Caballos Spur Lamy, NM 87540
505-466-3293 • BeltBucklesByHorst.com



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OLD FRONTIER CLOTHING CO.

If you enjoy wearing period apparel, but wish you could wear it to more than just special events and occasions, you should check out Old Frontier Clothing Company. Founded by lawyer-turned-designer Larry Bitterman in 1989, the company brings a more modern and urban look to the usual traditional Western wear. These are the kinds of period clothing you could wear to a special event, yet still keep them on for a night on the town. We applaud Bitterman and his company for stylishly combining traditional Western wear with everyday outfits.

READER'S CHOICE: Wahmaker by Scully • Oxnard, CA • Wahmaker.com

Lee Downey
Since 1973, designer of belt buckles, blades, boots, carvings and jewelry.
7 Abanico Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-982-4383 • LeeDowney.com

Matt Hackett Buckles
Since 1995, hand fabricated trophy and everyday Western buckles as well as belts.
5026 Mourning Dove Dr. Richmond, TX 77469
281-341-9620 • MattHackettBuckles.com

Max Lang Belts & Buckles
Handcrafts Old West reproduction and contemporary belts and buckles.
4704-A Richmond Ave. Houston, TX 77027
800-776-2629 • MaxLang.com

Maynard Buckles
Second-generation buckle maker offers custom specimens—your ideas or the artist's.
P.O. Box 419 Thoreau, NM 87323
888-822-7954 • MaynardBuckles.com

Montana Silversmiths
Since 1973, trophy winners in every Western sport wear Montana Silversmith buckles.
One Sterling Ln. Columbus, MT 59019
855-358-5002 • MontanaSilversmiths.com

Mortenson Silver & Saddles
Since 1989, Clint Mortenson's custom trophy buckles that can feature your brand or logo.
96 Bonanza Creek Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-424-9330 • SilverAndSaddles.com

Silver King
Since 1975, this family-owned operation designs hand made trophy and custom buckles.
21728 Devonshire St. Chatsworth, CA 91311
818-700-1999 • SilverKingUSA.com

Hats

American Hat Company
Since 1915, handcrafted straw and felt hats and vendor of bands and ribbons.
P.O. Box 1288 Bowie, TX 76230
800-392-4197 • AmericanHat.net

Arizona Vintage Hats
Since 2009, sells vintage hats worn by cowboys working on ranches in Arizona and Southwest.
P.O. Box 448 Cave Creek, AZ 85327
623-293-8805 • ArizonaVintageHats.com

Atwood Hat Company
Since 1996, makes straw, felt and palm cowboy hats, including Shantung straw dress hats.
P.O. Box 246 Frankston, TX 75763
800-496-1086 • AtwoodHats.com

Baldwin's Custom Hat Co.
Creates custom hats from beaver felt, European hare or a combination of both.
18430 Fadjur Ln. Sisters, OR 97759
541-610-9978 • BaldwinHats.com

Beaver Brand Hats
Since 1860, the oldest hat brand name in the nation creates Western and fine felt hats.
New Haven, MO • BeaverBrandHats.com

Bronco Sue Custom Hats
Since 1997, custom headwear made by an extensive collection of antique hat machines.
2206 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-630-1912 • BroncoSue.com

Buckaroo Hatters
Specializes in custom made Old West hats available in 100X, 50X or 10x in variety of styles.
115 E. Pleasant Ave. Covington, TN 38019
901-907-7436 • BuckarooHatters.com

Catalena Hatters
Handmade Western hats, including the "original" Gus, new and restored.
203 N. Main St. Bryan, TX 77803
800-976-7818 • CatalenaHats.com

Charlie 1 Horse
Since 1978, vendor of handmade felt and straw hats in contemporary designs and patterns.
601 Marion Dr. Garland, TX 75042
Charlie1Horse.com

Colorado Mountain Hat Co.
Handcrafts several styles of historical and contemporary Western hats.
P.O. Box 1482 Fairplay, CO 80440
719-836-1411 • CMHats.com

Double H Custom Hat Co.
Jimmy Harrison handcrafts Western-style hats, as well as cleans and repairs all styles of hats.
121 S. Main St. Darby, MT 59829
877-428-6257 • DoubleHHats.com

F&M Hat Co.
Since 1912, manufactures headgear in wool felt, knit, leather, straw and cloth.
103 Walnut St. Denver, PA 17517
800-953-4287 • FMHat.com

Greeley Hat Works
Since 1909, creates and restores cowboy hats under the stewardship of Trent Johnson.
2613 8th Ave. Greeley, CO 80631
888-367-2428 • GreeleyHatWorks.com

Hat Cozy
Designed by a working cowgirl, suede and fleece ear warmers made to winterize any style of hat.
P.O. Box 444 Sisters, OR 97759
541-771-7788 • HatCozy.com

Jackson Hole Hat Co.
Custom felt and straw cowboy hats and stock Bailey, San Francisco, Atwood and SunBody.
45 W. DeLoney St. Jackson Hole, WY 83001
307-733-7687 • JHHatco.com

Jaxonbilt Hat Co.
Roy Jackson crafts custom cowboy hats and re-enactment hats, using high-quality beaver fur.
P.O. Box 417 Salmon, ID 83467
208-756-6444 • JaxonbiltHats.com

Justin Authentic Headwear
Since 1990, manufactures perforated straw cowboy hats and felt cowboy hats.
1565 Hwy. 66 Garland, TX 75040
800-325-4287 • MilanoHats.com

Larry Mahan Hat Collection
Since 1984, manufactures specially designed felt and straw hats plus extensive crown series.

1565 Hwy. 66 Garland, TX 75040
800-325-4287 • MilanoHats.com

Limpia Creek Hats
Specializes in beaver felt hats and straw hats that can be custom built for entire family.
2211 Bingle Rd. Houston, TX 77055
888-878-4287 • LimpiaCreekHats.com

Mackey Custom Hats
Family-operated, Western-style hatmakers of affordable 10X quality cowboy hats.
1675 Hwy. 14 Shell, WY 82441
307-765-2985 • MackeyCustomHats.com

Milano Hat Co.
Since 1983, John Milano has manufactured felt and straw Western hats in various styles.
1565 Hwy. 66 Garland, TX 75040
800-325-4287 • MilanoHats.com

Montana Peaks Hat Co.
Makes Western-style felt hats, and was exclusive hat at Disney-Paris Buffalo Bill's Wild West.
24 SW Court Ave. Pendleton, OR 97801
541-215-1400 • MontanaPeaks.net

Nathaniel's of Colorado
Utilizing centuries-old techniques, Nate Funmaker creates custom fur felt hats.
107 W. Grand Ave. Mancos, CO 81328
970-533-9740 • NathanielsOfColorado.com

Optimo Custom Hatworks
Hand-formed felt cowboy hats and hand-woven straws by S. Grant Sergot.
47 Main St. Bisbee, AZ 85603
888-346-3428 • OptimoHatworks.com

O'Farrell Hat Company
Crafts cowboy hats prized by everyday folks and celebrities such as the late cowboy artist Joe Beeler.
111 E. San Francisco St. Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-989-9666 • OFarrellHatCo.com

Rand's Custom Hats
Ritch Rand's felt hat collections include Old West, Cattlemans and Women of the West.
2205 1st Ave. N. Billings, MT 59101
800-346-9815 • RandHats.com

Resistol Hats
Since 1927, manufactures felt and straw hats with brims cut to customer's desired width.
601 Marion Dr. Garland, TX 75042
ResistolHat.com

Serratelli Hat Company
Family-owned company has created straw and felt hats since 1878.
P.O. Box 7069 Newark, NJ 07107
888-335-8428 • SerratelliHatCompany.com

Shady Brady Hat Company
Since 1976, choose between new and Old West designs plus vintage, crushable headwear.
300 Orr Springs Rd. Ukiah, CA 95482
707-462-9441 • ShadyBrady.com

Stetson
Since 1865, manufactures "Boss of the Plains," which originated the cowboy hat trend.
601 Marion Dr. Garland, TX 75042
StetsonHat.com

SunBody Hats
Imports handmade Guatemalan palm leaf cowboy hats you can shape to fit your head.
3580 E. TC Jester Blvd. Houston, TX 77018
800-310-7093 • SunBody.com

Texas Hatters
Manny Gammage makes fur, felt or genuine Panama straw hats to customer's specifications.
911 S. Commerce St. Lockhart, TX 78644
800-421-4287 • TexasHatters.com

Tom Hirt Custom Hats
Known as the "Hat Maker for the Movies," Tom Hirt handcrafts pure beaver felt hats.
P.O. Box 209 Penrose, CO 81240
719-372-9399 • TomHirt.com

Tony Lama Hat Collection
Since 1911, headwear ranging from wool to palm to poly rope to solid and vented.
P.O. Box 287 Sulphur Springs, TX 75483
800-256-8646 • www.MFWestern.com

Watson's Hat Shop
Eric Watson custom makes his felt fur Western and dress hats with American felt and materials.
6140 E. Cave Creek Rd. Ste. 5
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
602-419-6436 • WatsonsHatShop.com

Jewelry/Watches

Cimarron River Company
Specializes in authentic Southwest Indian bracelets, concho belts, necklaces and earrings.
P.O. Box 459 Satanta, KS 67870
855-649-3373 • CimarronRiverCompany.com

Eimer Design
Equestrian and Western gold and silver jewelry made from horseshoe nails by Thomas Eimer III.
P.O. Box 2618 Christiansted,
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00822
340-277-5163 • EimerDesign.com

J. Forks Designs
Since 2003, Jenny Forks handcrafts her jewelry with natural gemstones and custom silver work.
17711 IH 10 West Bldg. 700 Ste. 104
San Antonio, TX 78257
210-363-0748 • JForks.com

Kit Carson Design
Kit Carson's hand engraved jewelry created from recycled ranch and mining equipment.
New River, AZ
623-465-2680 • KitCarsonJewelry.com

Magnus Studios
Since 1972, Douglas Magnus makes silver jewelry with Cerrillos Turquoise and silver buckles.
905 Early St. Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-983-6777 • DouglasMagnus.com

Montana Watch Co.
Founded by Jeffrey Nashan in 1998, makes early American styles of wrist and pocket timepieces.
124 N. Main St. Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-8899 • MontanaWatch.com

Pure West
Cheryl Long re-invents vintage jewelry and purses to feature distinctive Western accents.
P.O. Box 430 Bastrop, TX 78602
512-321-5472 • PureWest.net

Rocki Gorman
Since 1960, jewelry designed by the Gorman family and handcrafted by American Indians.
119 Old Santa Fe Trail Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-983-7833 • RockiGorman.com

Sissie & Me
Mother-and-daughter operation specializing in ranch-style jewelry, belts and accessories.
116 N. A St. Crowell, TX 79227
940-684-1430 • SissieAndMe.com

Spring Gulch Mines
Since 1990, features earrings and necklaces created from Montana-mined gold.
P.O. Box 701 Dillon, MT 59725
406-925-1965 • SpringGulchMines.com

Sunwest Silver
Works with Zuni, Hopi and Navajo tribes to create handmade turquoise and Sterling Silver jewelry.
324 Lomas Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87102
800-771-3781 • SunwestSilver.com

Twisted Tails
Makes braided neckwear, bracelets and hair barrettes woven from your horse's hair.
311 Teal Dr. Raeford, NC 28376
TwistedTails.com

Vogt Western Silver
Since 1903, Vogt family's engraved trophy and Western buckles, hand rubbed belts and jewelry.
1210 Commerce Ave. Ste. 1 Woodland, CA 95776
800-344-7457 • VogtSilversmiths.com

Western Vintage Revival
Jacqué Smiley sells showcase pieces and can turn your family heirlooms into jewelry.
313 Falcon Rd. Altus, OK 73521
580-379-9060 • VintageRevival.com

Leather Goods & Tack

Blevins Manufacturing Co.
Since 1995, manufactures the industry standard for quick change stirrup buckles.
615 Ferguson Rd. Wheatland, WY 82201
307-322-2190

Buckskin Lady Leathers
Barbara Goodrich makes custom leather cuffs, knife sheaths, cell phone holsters and purses.
Vernal, UT • 530-269-1098 • BuckskinLady.com

DC Leatherworks
Darlene Carper's hand-tooled Western patterns on leather day planners to cell phone holsters.
22170 Hillview Dr. Lake Barrington, IL 60010
847-828-3441 • DCLeatherworks.com

Double J Saddlery
Since 1991, crafts purses, belts and accessories with decorative inlays and hand-tooled designs.
2243 Hwy. 77A S. Yoakum, TX 77995
800-669-2535 • DoubleJSaddlery.com

Seidel's Saddlery
Since 1991, crafts custom leather belts, spur straps and boot tops, and sells buckles.
1200 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY 82414
307-587-1200 • SeidelSaddlery.com

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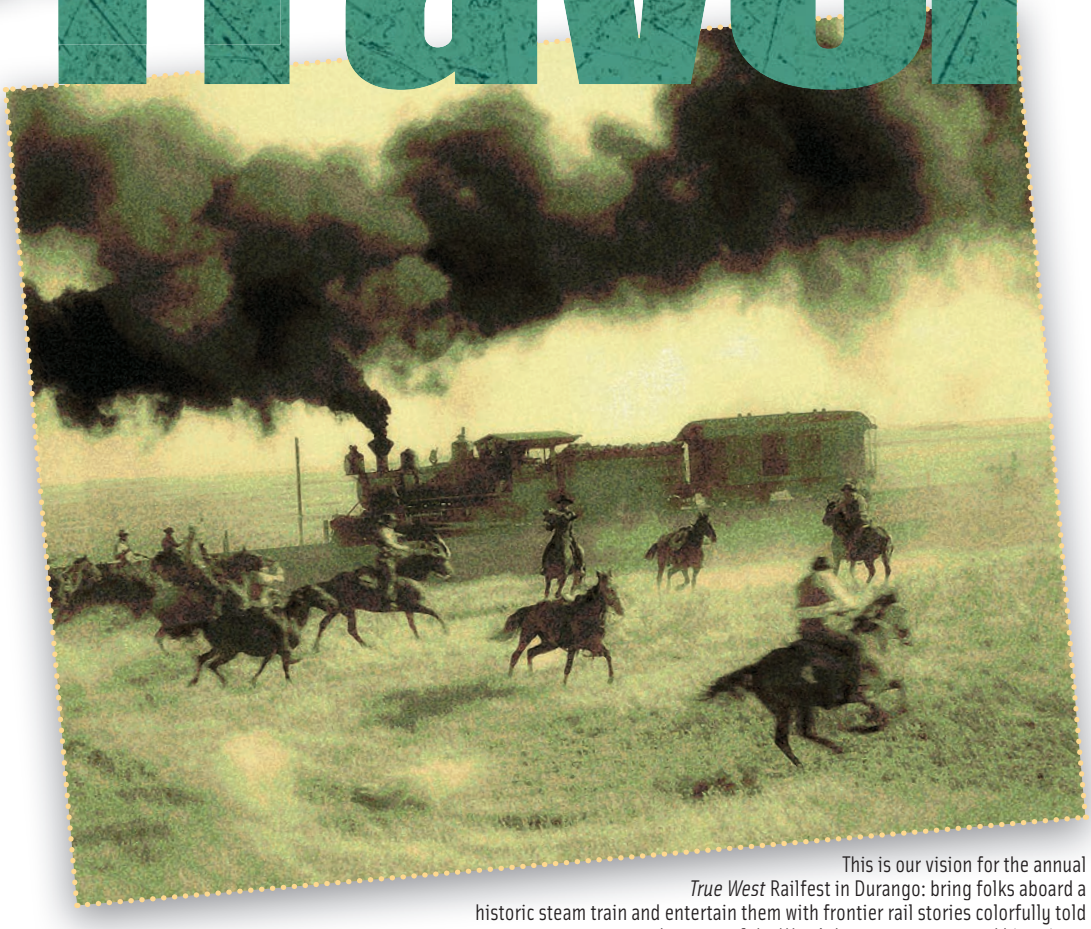
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–1951's The Texas Rangers *movie still courtesy Columbia Pictures –*

Beyond all the trails we've sent you on this past year, *True West* Magazine has also journeyed across the great American West.

To promote Arizona's centennial, our contributing editors Jana Bommersbach and Arizona State Historian Marshall Trimble teamed up with Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell at various historic sites across the state to film *Outrageous Arizona* for PBS.

Then we hit the rails for the first ever *True West* Railfest at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in Durango, Colorado. Those folks sure know how to pull out all the stops, and we are looking forward to an even bigger, better festival this year.

Our stomachs eventually led us to the chuckwagon competition at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Talk about dressing the West: about 95 percent of the attendees had on great cowboy hats and boots, fringe jackets and were spectacularly blinged out on Navajo jewelry.

Wherever our travels lead us, we always meet wonderful people who inspire ideas for our next trips . . . some of the best of which we serve up to you in every issue in our popular *Renegade Roads* feature.

See you on the trail!

Heritage Travel



Blue skies, good pies, what more could you ask for in Pie Town, New Mexico?

– True West Archives –

Johnny D. Boggs

Between *Renegade Roads* and *Boggs Unleashed*, these *True West* assignments are going to kill me.

This job gets downright dangersome. As I type this, my side aches from two fractured ribs sustained riding horseback to the John Tunstall murder site. You can read all about that in February.

You never know what you're going to run into as a road warrior. MapQuest sent me three hours in the opposite direction of my destination. A blizzard kept me in Flagstaff an extra day. (Well, the assignment for my December *Unleashed* column was "Experiencing the Grand Canyon in Winter.")

Bound for Minnesota for a Dakota War travel story (May), I considered once again trying that Nebraska steakhouse someone recommended. Then I recalled that 12 hours after my last stop there, the only thing not coming out of my stomach was the beast from *Alien*.

On that same research trip, I got sold on one phenomenal glass of wine at the fabulous Pazzaluna restaurant in downtown St. Paul. Ohhh, that wasn't $9 a glass. It was $39! But, my, it was tasty.

Sometimes, though, things work out great. I hit Pie Town, New Mexico, for the annual pie festival (September *Unleashed*). I'd planned on camping, but hadn't counted on rain, slick roads, mud galore and a hungry wife and son. So we stopped for supper at the Good Pie Cafe, figuring to drive to Springerville, Arizona, and check into a hotel.

When owner/pie-master Michael Rawl heard our predicament, he said, "Don't do that. Our old house is just behind this place. There's no electricity, but the water's on. Just roll your sleeping bags out on the floor and spend the night. The front door's open."

That was a lifesaver. And with this death-defying job, lifesavers are to be cherished.

Battlefields

Big Hole Battlefield
Site of the battle at which the Nez Perce fought against the U.S. Calvary in 1877.
16425 Hwy. 43 W. Wisdom, MT 59761
406-689-3155 • NPS.gov

Little Big Horn Battlefield
Memorial to the 1876 battle where Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry met death.
P.O. Box 39 Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2621 • NPS.gov

San Jacinto Battleground
Memorial to the battle at which Gen. Sam Houston won independence for Texas from Mexico.
3523 Battleground Rd. LaPorte, TX 77571
281-479-2431 • TPWD.State.TX.us

Stones River Battlefield
Monument to the Civil War battle begun in 1862, the day before the Emancipation Proclamation.
3501 Old Nashville Hwy. Murfreesboro, TN 37129
615-893-9501 • NPS.gov

Washita Battlefield
Memorial to Custer's 1868 attack on Chief Black Kettle's southern Cheyenne village.
Rt. 1 Box 55A Cheyenne, OK 73628
580-497-2742 • NPS.gov

Wilson's Creek Battlefield
Memorial to the first major battle of the U.S. Civil War fought west of the Mississippi.
6424 W. Farm Rd. 182 Republic, MO 65738
417-732-2662 • NPS.gov

Cemeteries

Concordia Cemetery
Visit the graves of John Wesley Hardin and John Selman among the other 60,000 buried residents.
3700 E. Yandell El Paso, TX 79903
915-842-8200 • ConcordiaCemetery.org

Fort Sumner Cemetery (Old)
Billy the Kid is buried here, among other New Mexico notables like Lucien Maxwell.
3501 Billy the Kid Rd. Fort Sumner, NM 88119
575-355-2942 • BillyTheKidsGravesite.com

Mount Moriah Cemetery
Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Seth Bullock are among those buried in this 1877 cemetery.
One Mount Moriah Rd. Deadwood, SD 57732
605-578-2600 • CityOfDeadwood.com

Sidney Boot Hill
An 1868-89 cemetery created to bury Fort Sidney soldiers during the Black Hills gold rush.
Sidney, NE • 308-254-5395 • SidneyBootHill.com

Tombstone Boot Hill & Gift Shop
This 1878 cemetery boasts graves of the Clantons, McLaurys and Buckskin Frank Leslie.
408 N. Hwy. 80 Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-3300 • BootHillGiftShop.com

Forts

Fort Abraham Lincoln
Built in 1872, includes home of George and Libbie Custer, barracks, stable, granary and commissary.
4480 Fort Lincoln Rd. Mandan, ND 58554
701-667-6380 • FortLincoln.com

Fort Assinniboine
The 1879 fort built to monitor Sitting Bull's people includes Gen. Pershing's officer's quarters.
Hwy. 87 Havre, MT 59501
406-265-8336

Fort Battleford
The 1876-85 fort of the Northwest Mounted Police includes stockades, bastions and barracks.
P.O. Box 70 Battleford, SK S0M 0E0
306-937-2621 • PC.GC.ca

Fort Benton
The 1847 post includes trade store, warehouse, blacksmith & carpenter's shop and Sally Port gate.
P.O. Box 262 Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3864 • FortBenton.com

Fort Bridger
An 1843 Oregon Trail stop and Mormon post has post replica and cobble rock wall built by Mormons.
P.O. Box 112 Fort Bridger, WY 82933
307-782-3842 • WyoParks.State.WY.us

Fort Calgary
This 1875 fort shares history of illegal whiskey route; includes Deane House and replica men's barracks.
750 Ninth Ave. SE Calgary, AB T2G 5E1
403-290-1875 • FortCalgary.AB.ca

Fort Concho
Active from 1867-89, this Buffalo Soldiers fort features 23 original and restored structures.
630 S. Oakes St. San Angelo, TX 76903
325-481-2646 • FortConcho.com

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Occidental Saloon

Don't worry. The Occidental in Buffalo, Wyoming, may still have the bullet holes from its original Wild West days, but you can feel plenty safe pulling up a spot at the bar today. The 1908 saloon stands in the same spot it did when all the characters of the past spent their days raising hell and drinkin' and gamblin' in this 1880 hotel. Be sure to admire the original tin ceiling and back bar as you order up your favorite cocktail and soak in the history and spirit of times gone by.

READER'S CHOICE: Crystal Palace Saloon • Tombstone, AZ • CrystalPalaceSaloon.com

Fort Dalles Museum
Established in 1850 as Fort Drum, exhibits historic photos, and pioneer artifacts.
500 W. 15th St. The Dalles, OR 97058
541-296-4547 • FortDallesMuseum.org

Fort Davis
From 1854-91, housed Confederates and Buffalo Soldier; has men's barracks and officers' row.
P.O. Box 1379 Fort Davis, TX 79734
432-426-3224 • NPS.gov

Fort Fetterman
This 1867 fort served Powder River and Cheyenne campaigns officer's quarters and ordnance house.
752 Hwy. 93 Douglas, WY 82633
307-358-9288 • WyoParks.State.WY.us

Fort Garland Museum
An 1858 outpost offers exhibits on Buffalo Soldiers and the 1866-67 fort commandant Kit Carson.
29477 Hwy. 159 Fort Garland, CO 81133
719-379-3512 • HistoryColorado.org

Fort Gibson
The 1824 staging area for military expeditions has reconstructed log fort and original structures.
907 N. Garrison St. Fort Gibson, OK 74434
918-478-4088 • OKHistory.org

Fort Laramie
The 1834 fur outpost/Oregon Trail fort has barracks, officers' quarters, bakery and guardhouse.
965 Gray Rocks Rd. Fort Laramie, WY 82212
307-837-2221 • NPS.gov

Fort McKavett
This 1852 fort on Upper El Paso Road includes barracks, bakery, dead house and headquarters.
7066 FM 864 Fort McKavett, TX 76841
325-396-2358 • VisitFortMckavett.com

Fort Meade Museum
Military outpost est. 1878-79 offers exhibits about the troopers who served the region.
P.O. Box 164 Fort Meade, SD 57741
605-347-9822 • FortMeadeMuseum.org

Fort Missoula Historical Museum
Displays the military history, art and culture of the 1877 Fort Missoula and of Missoula County.
Bldg. 322 Fort Missoula Missoula, MT 59804
406-728-3476 • FortMissoulaMuseum.org

Fort Nisqually
Fur trade outpost built in 1833 includes original factor's house and granary.
5400 N. Pearl St. Suite 11 Tacoma, WA 98407
253-591-5339 • FortNisqually.org

Fort Robinson State Park
In 1877, Crazy Horse died at this 1874 fort; includes officer's quarters, guardhouse and adjutant's office.
3200 W. Hwy. 20 Crawford, NE 69339
308-665-2919 • NebraskaHistory.org

Fort Selden
The 1865-91 Fort Selden housed Buffalo Soldiers as well as future five-star Gen. Douglas MacArthur.
I-25 Exit 19 Radium Springs, NM 88054
575-526-8911 • NMMonuments.org

Fort Sill Museum
Largest museum in the U.S. Army, and offers the burial site of Geronimo and Quanah Parker.
437 Quanah Rd. Fort Sill, OK 73503
580-442-5123 • Sill-www.Army.mil/Museum

Fort Simcoe
An 1856 fort ceded to Yakamas has commander's house, captains' houses and a blockhouse.
Yakima, WA • 360-902-8844 • Parks.WA.gov

Fort Stanton Museum
The 1855 Buffalo Soldiers fort has hospital, barracks, commissary, sutler's store and bakery.
104 Kit Carson Rd. Fort Stanton, NM 88323
575-258-5702 • FortStanton.org

Fort Stockton Museum
This 1858 Comanche Springs fort has Officer's Row, guardhouse, men's barracks and parade grounds.
301 E. 3rd St. Fort Stockton, TX 79735
432-336-2400 • TourTexas.com/FortStockton

Fort Vancouver
The 1824 Hudson's Bay Co. headquarters has chief factor's house, parade grounds and village.
612 E. Reserve St. Vancouver, WA 98661
360-816-6230 • NPS.gov

Fort Vasquez Museum
An 1835 outpost shares its fur trading history and story of Cheyenne warriors (Dog Soldiers).
13412 Hwy. 85 Platteville, CO 80651
970-785-2832 • HistoryColorado.org

Fort Walsh
The 1878-83 fort offers an 1873 trading post and has RCMP Remount Ranch buildings and palisade.
P.O. Box 278 Maple Creek, SK S0N 1N0
306-662-2645 • PC.GC.ca

Fort Whipple Museum
Exhibits medical instruments, Army weaponry, Buffalo Soldiers, maps, photos and memoirs.
500 N. Hwy. 89 Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-3122 • Sharlot.org/fort-whipple

Fort Whoop-Up
The 1869 "illegal" whiskey fort tied to Blackfeet robe trade has carpenter's shop, armory and livery.
200 Indian Battle Park Rd.
Lethbridge, AB T1J 5B3
403-329-0444 • FortWhoopUp.com

Fort Worden
The 1898 fort has men's barracks, officer's quarters, batteries and post cemetery.
200 Battery Way Port Townsend, WA 98368
360-344-4400 • FortWorden.org

Francisco Fort Museum
This 1862 Colorado Territory fort boasts eight historic buildings filled with regional artifacts.
306 S. Main St. La Veta, CO 81055
719-742-5501 • FranciscoFortMuseum.com

NWMP Fort Museum
This reconstructed 1884 barracks commemorates the first home of the Northwest Mounted Police.
219 Jerry Potts Blvd. Fort Macleod, AB T0L 0Z0
403-553-4703 • NWMPMuseum.com

Old Stone Fort
Woodland Indian (30-430 A.D.) ceremonial site at Duck River fork has mounds and cliff walls.
732 Stone Fort Dr. Manchester, TN 37355
931-723-5073 • TN.gov

Presidio La Bahia
A 1721 Spanish fort relocated in 1749 and rebuilt to its 1836 look; has Fannin memorial and graves.
P.O. Box 57 Goliad, TX 77963
361-645-3752 • PresidioLaBahia.org



Historic décor and ambiance aren't all you'll find at the Historic Plaza Hotel; cowboy tunes on the weekends are sure to lure you into Bryon T's Saloon.

– Courtesy Plaza Hotel –

Candy Moulton

One of my favorite memories from my *Renegade Roads* trips this past year took place at the Plaza.

It had been a good day of road warrioring along the Santa Fe Trail. After spending hours exploring the history and sites of Trinidad, Colorado, I drove into New Mexico, following the trail.

Late afternoon found me on the road toward Fort Union. While I was driving out from Watrous, the sun was getting low in the sky, creating those long shadows that make spotting a trail easy. My heart beats just a little bit faster whenever I am in the vicinity of trail swales, and let me tell you, it was thumping that afternoon as I saw distinctive trail remnants beside the road.

At the fort I could clearly see where the wagons had converged on the site. I wandered the grounds until the Park Service employees booted me out so they could keep their regular closing schedule.

I made my way to Las Vegas for an evening at the Plaza Hotel built in 1882. A few of my friends have told me the small New Mexico city does not really have much appeal. Boy, are they wrong!

Though it was late in the day, I found an open antique store and wandered its space until closing time; then it was time for a libation in Byron T's, followed by a delightful dinner across the foyer at the Landmark Grill. Best of all was the quiet night in a room that didn't look as if it came from a cookie cutter designer.

I liked this New Mexican Las Vegas and its Plaza Hotel so much, that on my next trip to the region, I purposely planned my travels so I could again enjoy the Plaza.

Gambling

Billy the Kid Casino & Ruidoso Downs Racetrack
Area outlaw Billy the Kid enjoyed gambling; here, you can play the slots or wager on horse races.
26225 Hwy. 70 Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4431 • RaceRuidoso.com

Bucky's & Yavapai Casinos
Tribally-owned casino offers poker, blackjack and slot machines, on the Yavapai Reservation.
1500 E. Hwy. 69 Prescott, AZ 86301
800-756-8744 • BuckysCasino.com

Deadwood Mountain Grand
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1906 Deadwood Mountain Dr.
Deadwood, SD 57732
877-907-4726 • DeadwoodMountainGrand.com

First Gold Hotel & Casino
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270 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-274-1876 • FirstGold.com

Gilpin Hotel Casino
Slot machines and video poker saved the former 1896 Gilpin Hotel from being razed.
111 Main St. Black Hawk, CO 80422
303-582-1133 • TheGilpinCasino.com

Gold Dust Gaming
Offers 24-hour gaming at poker, table games and slots in the middle of historic Deadwood.
688 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-456-0533 • GoldDustGaming.com

Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall
Rest your head and play Blackjack at this hotel that hosts an annual Old West competition.
No. 1 Main St. Jean, NV 89019
800-634-1359 • GoldStrikeJean.com

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino
Operated by the Klamaths, Modocs and Yahooskins, offers slot machines, blackjack and video poker.
34333 Hwy 97 N. Chiloquin, OR 97624
888-552-6692 • KlaMoYaCasino.com

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Test your luck at more than 170 slot machines in this casino operated by the northern Arapaho.
800 Blue Sky Hwy. 132 Ethete, WY 82520
307-438-7000 • WindRiverCasino.com

Silverado-Franklin
Historic 1903 hotel provides gaming as well as a comfortable place to hang your hat.
709 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-584-7005 • SilveradoFranklin.com

Talking Stick Resort
Hotel and casino owned by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on 1879 reservation.
9800 E. Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
866-877-9897 • TalkingStickResort.com

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National Ranching Heritage Center

Bob Boze Bell taped several of his *True West Moments* here for the Encore Westerns Channel a couple of years ago (see BBB in front of barn from the famous Four Sixes Ranch). Boy was he impressed by how much grander the place has become. Located on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, the National Ranching Heritage Center preserves the history of ranching, pioneer life and livestock industry development. Not only are its four dozen authentically-restored historic structures so inspiring to see, the 27.5-acre center also offers an amazing artifacts collection and educational programs that keep alive the spirit of ranching history.

READER'S CHOICE:
Alamo • San Antonio, TX

Heritage Events

O.K. Corral Gunfight
Tombstone, AZ, Daily: Re-enacts the October 26, 1881, gunfight between the Cowboys and the Earps and Doc Holliday; at O.K. Corral.
520-457-3456 • OKCorral.com

Great American Wild West Show
Various Locations, Year Round TBA: Since 1996, a Western history spectacular of cowboys, Indians, Hollywood heroes and daredevil riders.
417-595-7169 • WildWestShow.net

Arizona Fine Art Expo
Scottsdale, AZ, Jan. 10-March 23: Since 2005, features about 100 artists in a juried art festival, plus art gallery and a working artists' studio.
480-837-7163 • ArizonaFineArtExpo.com

National Western Stock Show
Denver, CO, Jan. 12-27: Since 1906, hosts livestock sales and seminars, and rodeo events; at National Western Complex.
303-297-1166 • NationalWestern.com

Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festivals
Carefree, AZ, Jan. 18-20, March 1-3: Since 1993, high Sonoran Desert town closes its streets for Southwestern and American Indian art show and wine tastings.
480-837-5637 • ThunderbirdArtists.com

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
Fort Worth, TX, Jan. 18-Feb. 9: Since 1896, PRCA rodeo, bull riding and ranch rodeo; at Will Rogers Memorial Center.
817-877-2420 • FWSSR.com

High Noon Western Americana Auction & Antique Show
Mesa, AZ, Jan. 26-27: Since 1991, auction sale and showcase of Old West antiques, Western art and collectibles; at Mesa Convention Center.
310-202-9010 • HighNoon.com

Nat'l Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Elko, NV, Jan. 28-Feb. 2: Since 1985, celebrates cowboy and ranch lifestyles through music and poetry; at Western Folklife Center.
888-880-5885 • WesternFolklife.org

Surprise Fine Art & Wine Festival
Surprise, AZ, Feb. 1-3: First held in 2005, offers wine tastings, food and sweets, and live music for American Healing Arts Foundation benefit.
480-837-5637 • ThunderbirdArtists.com

Gold Rush Days & Rodeo
Wickenburg, AZ, Feb. 7-10: Since 1948, mining heritage festival offers gold panning, a parade, rodeo, concerts and gunfight re-enactments.
800-942-5242 • WickenburgChamber.com

Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering
Sierra Vista, AZ, Feb. 8-10: Since 1992, cowboy music and poetry performances; at the Buena Performing Arts Center.
520-678-9952 • CowboyPoets.com

Southwest Leatherworkers Trade Show
Wickenburg, AZ, Feb. 14-16: Since 2000, features leathercraft vendors, workshops and speakers; at Wickenburg Community Center.
888-289-6409 • LeatherCraftersJournal.com

Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering
Ellensburg, WA, Feb. 14-17: Since 2005, features cowboy music and gear, Western art, open mic sessions and heritage workshops.
888-925-2204 • EllensburgCowboyGathering.com

Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
Scottsdale, AZ, Feb. 14-24: Since 1955, a grand exhibition of Arabian horses augmented by a vendor fair; at WestWorld.
480-515-1500 • ScottsdaleShow.com

Winter Range
Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 18-24: Since 1992, SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting; at Ben Avery Shooting Facility.
623-465-8683 • WinterRange.com

Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Alpine, TX, Feb. 22-24: Since 1986, cowboy poetry, chuckwagon food and live Western music; at Sul Ross State University.
800-561-3712 • Cowboy-Poetry.org

Trappings of Texas
Alpine, TX, Feb. 22-April 14: Since 1986, nation's second-oldest trappings show offers cowboy gear and Western art; at Museum of the Big Bend.
432-837-8143 • SulRoss.edu/museum

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Houston, TX, Feb. 25-March 17: Since 1932, this rodeo reached two million general attendance mark in 2010; at Reliant Park.
832-667-1000 • RodeoHouston.com

Winnemucca Ranch Hand Rodeo Weekend
Winnemucca, NV, Feb. 27-March 3: Since 1990, ranch rodeo, cow dog trials and horse and bull sales; at Winnemucca Events Complex.
800-962-2638 • RanchRodeoNV.com

Timed Event Championship
Guthrie, OK, March 1-3: Since 1985, cowboys compete in five timed rodeo events for a cash prize and championship title; at Lazy E Arena.
800-595-7433 • LazyE.com

Southeastern Cowboy Gathering
Cartersville, GA, March 7-10: Since 2003, Western music concerts and chuckwagon and dutch oven cook-offs; at Booth Museum.
770-387-1300 • BoothMuseum.org

The Russell
Great Falls, MT, March 14-16: Since 1969, Western art auction on weekend closest to Charlie Russell's birthday to benefit C.M. Russell Museum.
406-727-8787 • CMRussell.org

March in Montana
Great Falls, MT, March 14-16: Since 1988, Western art and collectibles auction by Manitou Galleries and Coeur d'Alene Auctions.
307-635-0019 • MarchInMontana.com

Fountain Hills Fine Art & Wine Affaire
Fountain Hills, AZ, March 15-17: Since 2005, juried art event, wine and musical entertainment near Southwestern boutiques and shops.
480-837-5637 • ThunderbirdArtists.com

Festival of the West
Scottsdale, AZ, March 21-24: Since 1990, cowboy music and poetry, mountain man encampment and Western silver screen stars; held at WestWorld.
602-996-4387 • FestivalOfTheWest.com

Cowgirl Up!
Wickenburg, AZ, March 22-May 5: Since 2006, invitational Western art exhibit by women, plus opening gala at Desert Caballeros Western Museum.
928-684-2272 • CowgirlUpArt.com

Cave Creek Fiesta Days Rodeo
Cave Creek, AZ, April 3-7: Since 1978, PRCA rodeo includes a rodeo parade, dances and kids' mutton bustin'.
CaveCreekProRodeo.com

Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo
Oklahoma City, OK, April 4-6: Since 1987, PRCA winners compete for the national championship at Oklahoma State Fair Arena.
405-282-7433 • RNCFR.com



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Spring Traders Encampment
Bartlesville, OK, April 13-14: Since 1993, an 1820s-40s mountain man and traders camp that offers living history demonstrations; at Woolaroc.
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival
Santa Clarita, CA, April 18-21: Since 1994, Western music, cowboy poetry and storytelling; at the Western movie and TV set Melody Ranch.
661-250-3735 • CowboyFestival.org

Western Heritage Awards
Oklahoma City, OK, April 20-21: Since 1961, honors American West literature, music and film; at National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Great American Horse Drive
Craig, CO, May 1-6: Since 1984, trail ride drives a large horse herd across 62 miles of open Colorado range; at Sombrero Ranch.
970-586-4577 • Sombrero.com

Woolaroc Spring Trail Ride
Bartlesville, OK, May 4: On this 15-mile trail ride along a former oilman's retreat, you'll likely see buffalo, elk and longhorn cattle; at Woolaroc.
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend
Pendleton, OR, May 9-12: Since 2008, hosts saddle bronc, team branding and ranch horse contests and art and cowboy gear sale.
CattleBarons.net

Texas Frontier Forts Days
Fort Worth, TX, May 10-13: Learn about the forts along the Texas Forts Trail, and enjoy military parades and artillery demo; at Stockyards Station.
817-625-9715 • StockyardsStation.com

Miles City Bucking Horse Sale
Miles City, MT, May 16-20: Since 1950, bucking horse sales, bull and bronc riding and street dances; at Eastern Montana Fairgrounds.
406-234-2890 • BuckingHorseSale.com

Nat'l Western Art Show and Auction
Ellensburg, WA, May 17-19: Since 1972, brings Western art and artists together with art collectors; at Kittitas Valley Event Center.
509-962-2934 • WesternArtAssociation.org

Rocky Mountain Leather Trade Show
Sheridan, WY, May 17-19: Since 2000, trade show features leathercraft vendors, workshops and speakers; at Holiday Inn.
888-289-6409 • LeatherCraftersJournal.com

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. Gun Show
Denver, CO, May 18-19: Since 1965, showcases historic and modern collectible arms, authentic cowboy artifacts and Western artwork.
720-482-0167 • CGCA.com

Bishop Mule Days Celebration
Bishop, CA, May 18-19: Since 1969, more than 700 mules compete in 181 events during a Wild West heritage celebration.
760-872-4263 • MuleDays.org

Jackson Hole Old West Days
Jackson Hole, WY, May 24-25: Since 1981, celebrates area's rich mountain man heritage; annual Elkfest is held the weekend before.
307-733-3316 • JacksonHoleChamber.com

Bar D Chuckwagon Suppers
Durango, CO, May 24-Sept. 1: Since 1969, features a stage show with the Bar D Wranglers and a barbecue supper; at Bar D Chuckwagon.
970-247-5753 • BarDChuckwagon.com

Chuckwagon Gathering & Children's Cowboy Festival
Oklahoma City, OK, May 25-26: Since 1990, chuckwagon fare and educational activities; at National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

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Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale
Prescott, AZ, May 25-27: Since 1974, outdoor art show and sale features paintings and sculptures; at Prescott Courthouse Plaza.
928-778-1385 • PhippenArtMuseum.org

Ritzville Western Art Show and Historic Ritzville Days
Ritzville, WA, May 24-26: Since 2007, downtown hosts about 60 Western artists and entertainers, an auction, a Dutch-oven cook-off and a kids korral.
509-660-0654 • RitzvilleWesternArt.com

Route 66 Days
Elk City, OK, May 30-June 2: Since 2005, celebrates transportation heritage with Route 66 classic car shows and races; at Elk City Speedway.
800-280-0207 • VisitElkCity.com

Elkins Ranch Adventures
Canyon, TX, May-September: Offers chuckwagon breakfast, live entertainment and jeep tours of Palo Duro Canyon; at 1890 Elkins Ranch.
800-658-2613 • TheElkinsRanch.com

Billy the Kid's Last Ride
Edgewood, NM, May TBA: A 125-mile horseback trail ride on the route Billy the Kid rode when he escaped from Lincoln County Jail.
505-550-9508 • BillyTheKidTrailRides.com

Great Western Trail Celebration
Vernon, TX, May TBA: Since 2005, horseback rides and tours of the 1874-1886 Great Western Trail; at Red River Valley Museum.
940-553-1848 • RedRiverValleyMuseum.org

Rock Creek Trail Days
Fairbury, NE, June 1-2: Relive the covered wagon era with stagecoach rides, Pony Express runs and blacksmith demos; held at Rock Creek Station SHP.
402-729-5777 • Fairbury.com

Old Fort Days
Fort Sumner, NM, June 5-8: The town where Billy the Kid met his fate in 1881 celebrates its history with a rodeo and American Indian dances.
575-355-7705 • FortSumnerChamber.com

Prix de West
Oklahoma City, June 7-8: Since 1973, invitational contemporary Western art exhibition; at National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Carson City Rendezvous
Carson City, NV, June 7-9: Since 1984, mountain man encampment, Pony Express re-rides and dutch oven cook-offs; at Mills Park.
800-638-2321 • EventsNevada.com

Red Earth Festival
Oklahoma City, OK, June 7-9: Since 1987, performances by more than 1,200 American Indian artists and dancers; at Cox Convention Center.
405-427-5228 • RedEarth.org

Butch Cassidy Festival
Laramie, WY, June 8: Since 2004, see the Wyoming Territorial Prison that housed Cassidy and enjoy Old West baseball and brass bands.
800-445-5303 • Laramie-Tourism.org

Jesse James Festival
Kearney, MO, June 14, 17, 19-22: The 1847 birthplace of the notorious outlaw celebrates with a rodeo, carnival, parade and barbecue.
816-507-5503 • JesseJamesFestival.com

Wild Bill Days
Deadwood, SD, June 14-15: Since 1984, concerts and re-enactments celebrate gunman Wild Bill Hickok, killed in Deadwood in 1876.
800-999-1876 • Deadwood.org

Deadwood Show & Auction
Deadwood, SD, June 14-16: Dakota Plains Auctions hosts historic firearm, Indian and Western collectibles auction at Deadwood Mountain Grand.
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918-762-2513 • PawneeBillRanch.com

Pioneer Days
Casper, WY, June 15-16: Frontier military infantry and cavalry drills, plus Fort Fetterman's 1866 escort wagon; held at National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.
307-261-7780 • BLM.gov

Butch Cassidy's Hole-in-the-Wall Ride
Hole-in-the-Wall, WY, June 16-21: Since 2010, outlaw trail ride to Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch hideout that even lawdogs couldn't break through.
505-286-4585 • Great-American-Adventures.com

Little Big Horn Days
Hardin, MT, June 19-23: Heritage celebration with 1876 dance, Western art and living history; at Big Horn County Historical Museum.
888-450-3577

Custer's Last Stand
Hardin, MT, June 19-23: Re-enacts the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn from the Indian perspective using a script by Joe Medicine Crow.
888-450-3577 • CustersLastStand.org

Custer's Ride to Glory
Garryowen, MT, June 19-23: Since 2004, traces Custer and his 7th Cavalry from Crow's Nest to Last Stand Hill to Bighorn battlefield.
505-286-4585 • Great-American-Adventures.com

Lecompton Territorial Days
Lecompton, KS, June 20-21: Since the 1975 dedication of Constitution Hall, celebrates Bleeding Kansas and territorial capital heritage.
785- 887-6617 • LecomptonTerritorialDays.com

Umatilla Landing Days
Umatilla, OR, June 22: Since 2011, this 1864 town along the Columbia River celebrates its Oregon gold rush heritage; held at Umatilla Marina Park.
541-922-4825 • UmatillaOregonChamber.org

Gene Autry Days
Kenton, OH, June 24-25: Since 1993, fast draw match and collectibles show honors singing cowboy star; at Hardin County Fairgrounds.
419-673-4131 • HardinOhio.org

Greeley Stampede
Greeley, CO, June 25-July 7: Since 1922, pro rodeo with bull riding, Western music and televised Fourth of July parade; at Island Grove Park.
970-356-7787 • GreeleyStampede.org

Crooked River Roundup
Prineville, OR, June 28-30: Since 1945, rodeo features roughstock and timed events, and all-around cowboy crown; at Crook County Fairgrounds.
541-447-4479 • CrookedRiverRoundup.com

Cody Nite Rodeo
Cody, WY, June-August: Since 1938, rodeo stars entertain crowds every summer night, plus at stampede June 30-July 4; at Cody Stampede Rodeo Grounds.
800-207-0744 • CodyStampedeRodeo.com

Northern Arapaho Experience
Riverton, WY, June-August: Celebrates American Indian heritage with music and storytelling; at Wind River Casino every Tuesday and Thursday.
866-657-1604 • WindRiverCasino.com

Brian Lebel's Old West Show & Auction
Denver, CO, June TBA: Since 1990, sells cowboy, Western and American Indian artifacts; at Denver Merchandise Mart.
480-779-9378 • DenverOldWest.com

Grand Nat'l Competition of the Old West
Jean, NV, June TBA: Gunfight skits, cowboy fast draw competitions and period encampments come to life at the Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall.
800-634-1359 • GoldStrikeJean.com

Steampunk Expo at Old Cowtown
Wichita, KS, June TBA: Celebrates Victorian steam era with backdrop of drovers camp and 1870s residential street; at Old Cowtown Museum.
316-219-1871 • OldCowtown.org

Prescott Frontier Days
Prescott, AZ, July 1-7: Since 1888, a PRCA rodeo extravaganza, dubbed the "world's oldest rodeo;" at Prescott Rodeo Grounds.
866-407-6336 • WorldsOldestRodeo.com

Grangeville Border Days Rodeo
Grangeville, ID, July 3-5: Since 1912, Idaho's oldest rodeo offers local team roping, and barrel and steer riding; at Border Days Arena.
208-983-1372 • GrangevilleBorderDays.org

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1838 Rendezvous
Riverton, WY, July 3-6: Since 1989, mountain man re-enactment with fur trade demonstrations and crafts; at 1838 camp site.
1838Rendezvous.com

Cattlemen's Days
Gunnison, CO, July 4-15: Since 1900, PRCA rodeo includes horse and livestock shows, and cowboy poetry; at Fred R. Field rodeo grounds.
970-641-1501 • CattlemensDays.com

Calgary Stampede
Calgary, AB, July 5-14: Since 1912, outdoor rodeo, plus chuckwagons, rodeo parade, Indian village and Country music; at Stampede Park.
800-661-1260 • CalgaryStampede.com

Calgary Stampede: Western Showcase
Calgary, AB, July 5-14: Since 1977, Western art by up to 25 artists selected for display during Calgary Stampede; at BMO Centre.
800-661-1260 • WesternShowcase.com

Laramie Jubilee Days
Laramie, WY, July 6-14: Since 1940, heritage days ranch rodeo, junior bull riding and rodeo parade; at Albany County Fairgrounds.
800-445-5303 • LaramieJubileeDays.com

Sheridan WYO Rodeo
Sheridan, WY, July 6-14: Since 1931, PRCA and WPRA rodeo, Indian Relay, parade and concerts; at Sheridan County Fairgrounds.
307-672-9715 • SheridanWYORodeo.com

WWHA Wild West History Roundup
Boise, ID, July 10-13: With Idaho Territory turning 150 years old in 2013, expect some great history lectures and tours from local experts and historians.
WildWestHistory.org

Green River Rendezvous
Pinedale, WY, July 11-14: Since 1936, fur trade lectures and pageant honor an 1833 mountain man encampment; at Pinedale Rodeo Grounds.
307-367-2242 • MeetMeOnTheGreen.com

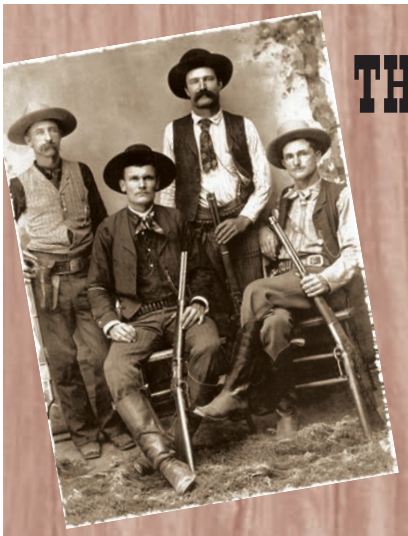
Big Horn Mountain Festival
Buffalo, WY, July 12-14: Since 2005, Acoustic, Americana, Folk and Bluegrass music concerts; at Johnson County Fairgrounds.
307-684-5544 • BigHornMountainFestival.com

Fort Stanton Live!
Fort Stanton, NM, July 12-14: Chautauqua storytellers and Buffalo Soldier and mountain men re-enactors bring 1855 fort to life; at 1855 Fort Stanton.
575-258-5702 • FortStanton.org

Moorcroft Jubilee
Moorcroft, WY, July 13: Heritage celebration features a chuckwagon breakfast, parade, free barbecue, rodeo and a street dance.
307-756-3526 • TownOfMoorcroft.com

Prescott Indian Art Market
Prescott, AZ, July 13-14: Since 1998, an all-Indian art jury selects artists featured at this contemporary art market; at Sharlot Hall Museum.
928-445-3122 • Sharlot.org

Fort Dalles Days Pro Rodeo
The Dalles, OR, July 18-20: Since 1965, this PRCA rodeo, parade and pageant celebrates the history of The Dalles; at Fort Dalles Rodeo Grounds.
800-255-3385 • TheFortDallesRodeo.com



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Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering
Encampment, WY, July 19-21: Since 2003, cowboy and ranching culture shared in art, poetry and music; at Encampment Grandview Park.
307-327-5465 • GrandEncampmentGathering.org

Cheyenne Frontier Days
Cheyenne, WY, July 19-28: Since 1897, the "Daddy of 'em All," largest outdoor rodeo; at Cheyenne Frontier Days Arena.
800-227-6336 • CFDRodeo.com

Bannack Days
Dillon, MT, July 20-21: This 1862 gold camp booms with pioneer demonstrations and shoot-outs; at Bannack State Park.
406-834-3413 • Bannack.org

Chief Joseph Days Rodeo
Joseph, OR, July 24-27: Since 1946, PRCA rodeo with bucking horse stampede, parade and Nez Perce friendship feast; at Harley Tucker Arena.
541-432-1015 • ChiefJosephDays.com

Nebraska's Big Rodeo
Burwell, NE, July 24-27: Since 1921, outdoor rodeo offers saddle bronc and bull riding; at Garfield County Frontier Fairgrounds Arena.
308-346-5205 • NebraskasBigRodeo.com

Platte River Rodeo
Saratoga, WY, July 26-27: Since 1997, amateur rodeo with team roping, steer wrestling and bull riding; at Buck Springs Rodeo Arena.
307-326-8825 • SaratogaChamber.info

Coeur d'Alene Art Auction
Reno, NV, July 27: Since 1986, 19th- and 20th-century Western and wildlife art auction with top bids; at Silver Legacy Resort Casino.
208-772-9009 • CDAArtAuction.com

Oklahoma City's National Day of the American Cowboy
Oklahoma City, OK, July 27: Since 2006, cowboy heritage festival, plus Miss Rodeo Oklahoma; at National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Shoot-Out On Whiskey Row
Prescott, AZ, July 27-28: Since 2005, Southwest re-enactment competition hosted by Prescott Regulators & Shady Ladies.
PrescottRegulators.org

Dodge City Roundup Rodeo
Dodge City, KS, July 31-Aug. 4: Since 1977, this outdoor PRCA Rodeo takes place during Dodge City Days; at Dodge City Roundup Arena.
602-225-2244 • DodgeCityRoundup.org

Double Rafter Cattle Drives
Ranchester, WY, July-Oct.: Organizes authentic 1880s-style cattle expeditions throughout Bighorn Mountain country; starts from Double Rafter Ranch.
800-704-9268 • DoubleRafter.com

Ride for the Brand Champ. Ranch Rodeo
Colorado Springs, CO, July TBA: Since 2002, Working Ranch Cowboys Assn. rodeo championship, plus a cattle drive; at Norris-Penrose Event Center.
719-635-1101 • ChampionshipRanchRodeo.com

Days of '76 Rodeo
Deadwood, SD, July TBA: Since 1923, rodeo activities based on Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show; at Days of '76 Rodeo Grounds.
888-838-2855 • DaysOf76.com

SASS Utah State Championship
Price, UT, July TBA: Since 1991, cowboy action shoot named for Butch Cassidy's 1897 Castle Gate Robbery; at North Springs Shooting Range.
435-637-8209 • TheCastleGatePosse.net

Old Lincoln Days
Lincoln, NM, Aug. 2-4: Since 1939, re-enacts the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" in an 1881 jailbreak, at Lincoln State Monument
575-653-4372 • NMMonuments.org

101 Wild West Rodeo
Ponca City, OK, Aug. 8-10: Since 1960, rodeo plus ranch bronc riding and amateur team roping, and concerts; at 101 Rodeo Arena.
580-765-3311 • 101WildWestRodeo.com

Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering
Prescott, AZ, Aug. 8-10: Since 1988, cowboy poets and balladeers share Old West stories in this gathering; at Yavapai Community College.
928-778-2929 • AZCowboyPoets.org

Montana Wild West Fest
Helena, MT, Aug. 9-11: Since 2006, Old West and frontier military re-enactments and Indian encampment; at Kleffner Ranch.
406-458-3700 • MontanaLivingHistory.org

Wyoming State Fair & Rodeo
Douglas, WY, Aug. 10-17: Since 1905, state fair, PRCA and ranch rodeos, and Western music; at Wyoming State Fair Park.
307-358-2398 • WYStateFair.com

Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Western Music Rendezvous
Lewistown, MT, Aug. 15-18: Since 1986, cowboy storytelling, poetry and music celebrate Rocky Mountain heritage; at the Eagles Club.
406-538-4575
MontanaCowboyPoetryGathering.com

Lewis & Clark Saltmakers Return
Seaside, OR, Aug. 16-18: Since 2002, folks meet and trade with re-enactors of the Corps of Discovery as they prepare salt; at Seaside Beach.
503-738-7065 • SeasideMuseum.org

Payson PRCA Rodeo
Payson, AZ, Aug. 16-18: Since 1884, claims to be world's oldest continuous rodeo, at Payson Rodeo Grounds.
928-474-9440 • PaysonProRodeo.com

***True West* Railfest**
Durango, CO, Aug. 16-18: Ride on the 1881 Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge steam train with *True West* and enjoy lectures on Old West history.
970-247-2733 • DurangoRailFest.com

John Wesley Hardin Secret Society
El Paso, TX, Aug. 17: Since 2001, re-enactment of John Wesley Hardin's death by the Six Guns and Shady Ladies, at Concordia Cemetery.
915-842-8200 • ConcordiaCemetery.org

Jeremiah Johnson's Jackson Hole Wilderness Ride
Jackson Hole, WY, Aug. 19-22: Since 2010, riders wander up the Grand Teton on a Rocky Mountain trail ride of mountain man lore and history.
505-286-4585 • Great-American-Adventures.com

Western Legends Roundup
Kanab, UT, Aug. 22-24: Since 1999, honors Kane County's Western film history with movie

stars and bus tours; on Kanab's Main Street.
435-644-3444 • WesternLegendsRoundup.com

Nebraska State Fair
Grand Island, NE, Aug. 23-Sept. 2: A local tradition since 1868, the fair continues to entertain guests with rides and concerts; held at Fonner Park.
303-382-1620 • StateFair.org

Buckaroo Heritage Western Art Roundup
Winnemucca, NV, Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Since 1983, founded by artist Carl F. Hammond, offers buckaroo art and gear; at Buckaroo Hall of Fame.
541-573-2921 • BuckarooArtist.com

Elk City's Rodeo of Champions
Elk City, OK, Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Since 1939, PRCA rodeo and rodeo parade, plus Old West re-enactments; at Beutler Brothers Arena.
800-280-0207 • VisitElkCity.com

Ellensburg Rodeo
Ellensburg, WA, Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Since 1923, this PRCA rodeo also hosts World Finale of PRCA's Extreme Bulls Tour; at city's rodeo fairgrounds.
800-637-2444 • EllensburgRodeo.com

Miss New Mexico Saloon Girl
Eagle Nest, NM, Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Since 2010, saloon girl competition, dance and prizes at the 1898 saloon; at Laguna Vista Lodge.
800-821-2093 • LagunaVistaLodge.com

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BEST HISTORIC RESTAURANT

Buckhorn Exchange

The history runs deep at the Buckhorn Exchange. Colorado's oldest restaurant has been serving diners in Denver since 1893, when it was opened by Henry "Shorty Scout" Zietz, a former scout for Buffalo Bill Cody. Taxidermy fans will feel right at home with hundreds of Zietz's hunting trophies displayed on the walls, along with other historic artifacts and rare firearms. Keep an eye out for photos of famous patrons such as Ronald Reagan, Bob Hope and Theodore Roosevelt. Feeling adventurous? The Buckhorn sometimes has exotic menu specials like ostrich, rattlesnake and yak.

READER'S CHOICE: Wortley Hotel • Lincoln, NM • WortleyHotel.com





Heritage Travel

Gold Rush Days
Sacramento, CA, Aug. 30-Sept. 2: Since 2000, 1850s period dancing, gunfight re-enactments and Gold Rush artifacts; at Old Sacramento.
916-808-7777 • SacramentoGoldRushDays.com

All American Gun & Western Collectible Show
Ruidoso, NM, Aug. 31-Sept. 1: Since 1991, trade show of guns, jewelry, cowboy gear and hunting equipment; at Ruidoso Convention Center.
575-257-6171

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo
Amarillo, TX, Aug. 31-Sept. 1: Since 1944, features the rodeo talents of the boys and girls of Cal Farley's; at Cal Farley's Ranch.
800-687-3722 • CalFarley.org

Auction in Santa Fe
Santa Fe, NM, Aug. TBA: Auction by Manitou Galleries features cowboy and Indian collectibles; at Hilton-Hotel Mesa Ballroom.
307-635-0019 • AuctionInSantaFe.com

Celebrate Bandera
Bandera, TX, Aug. 30-Sept. 1: Since 2002, rodeo, cowboy mounted shooting, cattle drive, intertribal powwow and gunfight re-enactments.
830-796-4447 • CelebrateBandera.com

Western Rendezvous of Art
Helena, MT, Aug. 22-25: Since 1979, Western art show by Northwest Rendezvous Group of Artists; at Red Lion Colonial Hotel.
406-442-4263 • WestRendArt.org

Toppenish Western Art Show
Toppenish, WA, Aug. TBA: Since 1998, this city of murals showcases American Indian, Western and wildlife art; at Railroad Park.
800-863-6375 • ToppenishWesternArt.org

Defeat of Jesse James Days
Northfield, MN, Sept. 4-8: Since 1948, celebrates town heroes who stopped the bandit during an 1876 bank raid; at Bridge Square.
507-645-9268 • DJJD.org

Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials
Meeker, CO, Sept. 4-8: Since 1987, competition refines the skills of dog and rancher required to manage a sheep ranch.
970-878-0111 • MeekerSheepdog.com

National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration
Lubbock, TX, Sept. 5-8: Since 1989, cowboy storytelling, chuckwagon contest and powwow; at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.
806-798-7825 • Cowboy.org

Hells Canyon Mule Days
Enterprise, OR, Sept. 6-8: Since 1981, mule show and sale, plus Old World Oxen living history; at Wallowa County Fairgrounds.
888-323-3271 • HellsCanyonMuleDays.com

Pendleton Round-Up
Pendleton, OR, Sept. 11-14: Since 1910, a PRCA rodeo that includes Indian relay races, plus Happy Canyon festival; at Round-Up Arena.
800-457-6336 • PendletonRoundup.com

Woolaroc Fall Trail Ride
Bartlesville, OK, Sept. 14: On this 15-mile trail ride along a former oilman's retreat, see buffalo, elk and longhorn cattle; at Woolaroc.
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Rendezvous Royale
Cody, WY, Sept. 18-21: Features Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale, Buffalo Bill Historical Center Patrons Ball and Cody High Style.
888-598-8119 • RendezvousRoyale.org

Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale
Cody, WY, Sept. 20-21: Since 1982, exhibition and sale of Western-themed fine art; at Buffalo Bill Historical Center.
888-598-8119 • BuffaloBillArtShow.com

Fort Bayard Days
Silver City, NM, Sept. 20-21: Since 1999, celebrates Buffalo Soldiers history with fort tours and a military ball; at the 1866 fort.
575-956-3294 • FortBayard.org

Western Fall Fest
Duncan, OK, Sept. 20-21: Since 2005, heritage celebration of nation's largest cattle migration; at Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.
580-252-6692 • OnTheChisholmTrail.com

Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo & Stock Show
Omaha, NE, Sept. 26-29: Since 1947, PRCA rodeo and stock show plus Buckaroo Bash, parade and trail rides; at Qwest Center.
402-554-9600 • RiverCityRodeo.com

Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo
Medicine Lodge, KS, Sept. 27-28: Since 1989, teams compete in this WRCA rodeo by exhibiting ranch work skills; at Pageant Rodeo Arena.
620-886-9815 • PeaceTreaty.org

Standing Bear Pow Wow
Ponca City, OK, Sept. 27-28: Since 1993, Ponca inter-tribal powwow dancing, drumming, singing and pageantry; at Standing Bear Park.
580-762-1514 • PoncaCityTourism.com

Badger Clark Hometown Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering
Hot Springs, SD, Sept. TBA: Since 1998, performers keep up the custom forged by "A Cowboy's Prayer" poet; at Mueller Civic Center.
800-325-6991 • HotSprings-SD.com

Fort Bridger Rendezvous
Fort Bridger, WY, Sept. TBA: Celebrates the Rocky Mountain fur trade rendezvous between 1825-40; at historic Fort Bridger.
435-213-5130 • FortBridgerRendezvous.net

Fort Reno Tombstone Tales
El Reno, OK, Sept. TBA: Since 1995, re-enactors portray those souls interred from 1874 to 1948; at Fort Reno cemetery.
405-262-3987 • FortReno.org

National Cavalry Competition
Fort Riley, KS, Sept. TBA: Since 2003, horsemanship competition includes Indian Wars, Mexican-American War and Civil War; at Fort Riley.
785-784-5797 • USCavalry.org

Prescott Western Heritage Days
Prescott, AZ, Sept. TBA: Since 2010, Arizona's largest re-enactment roundup showcases the territorial capital and Yavapai County from 1864-1912.
602-820-7472 • PrescottWesternHeritageDay.org

Silver Spur Awards
Studio City, CA, Sept. TBA: Since 1998, Reel Cowboys presents awards for modern-day Western films, TV shows and music; at Sportsmen's Lodge.
ReelCowboys.org

Western Heritage Weekend
Bartlesville/Dewey, OK, Sept. TBA: Since 2005, parade and Tom Mix Festival in Dewey, and Wild West show in Bartlesville.
877-273-2007 • Bartlesville.com

Younger Brothers Capture
Madelia, MN, Sept. TBA: Re-enacts the 1876 capture of the Younger Brothers and James gang member Charlie Pitts.
888-941-7283

Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Durango, CO, Oct. 3-6: Since 1989, honors working ranch tradition via cowboy poetry and music; at Strater Hotel.
970-749-2995
DurangoCowboyPoetryGathering.org

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BEST HERITAGE HOTEL

Strater Hotel

The venerable Strater Hotel in Durango, Colorado, celebrated its 125th birthday in 2012 and did so in style by being recognized for a number of honors, including the designation of Room 222—the Louis L'Amour Room—as a Literary Landmark by the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. The place that was L'Amour's home away from home offers 93 Victorian-appointed rooms, and you'll feel you've stepped back into the Old West in the Diamond Belle Saloon that features ragtime entertainers. Guests can also take in melodrama and vaudeville acts in the Henry Strater Theatre.

READER'S CHOICE: Irma Hotel • Cody, WY • IrmaHotel.com



Dalton Defenders Days
Coffeyville, KS, Oct. 4-5: Re-enacts the 1892 bank robbery that ended with the deaths of four members of the outlaw Dalton Gang.
800-626-3357 • VisitCoffeyville.com

Fall Traders Encampment
Bartlesville, OK, Oct. 4-5: Since 1993, an 1820s-40s mountain man encampment with fur trade demonstrations and wares; at Woolaroc.
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Cow Thieves & Outlaws Reunion
Bartlesville, OK, Oct. 5: Since 1926, fund raiser dinner, with Western art sale to support the Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve.
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Billy the Kid's Regulator Ride
Lincoln, NM, Oct. 6-11: Follow the Kid's bloody hoofprints during the 1878-81 Lincoln County War to the Kid's escape to Fort Sumner.
505-286-4585 • Great-American-Adventures.com

Cowboy Crossings
Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 11-12: Cowboy Artists of America (1966) and Trad'l Cowboy Arts Assn. (1999); at Nat'l Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Lone Pine Film Festival
Lone Pine, CA, Oct. 11-13: Since 1990, offers celebrity panels, Western movie screenings and movie site tours; at Lone Pine Museum.
760-876-9103 • LonePineFilmFestival.org

Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium
Ruidoso Downs, NM, Oct. 11-13: Since 1990, World Championship Chuckwagon Competition and cowboy storytellers; at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.
575-378-4431 • CowboySymposium.org

Wyatt Earp's Vendetta Ride
Tombstone, AZ, Oct. 13-18: Since 2009, shadows Wyatt Earp and his posse's trail of retribution, concluding with Helldorado Days.
505-286-4585 • Great-American-Adventures.com

Texas Gun Collectors Show
Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 18-20: Since 1951, showcases historical and classic firearms and edged weapons; at Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.
210-323-9519 • TexasGunCollectorsShow.com

Helldorado Days
Tombstone, AZ, Oct. 18-20: Since 1929, Tombstone's oldest festival venerates the 1880s lifestyle with gunfight re-enactments and parade.
888-457-3929 • HelldoradoDays.com

Walk Through History
El Paso, TX, Oct. 19: Since 2001, shares the history of 60,000 buried pioneers on a walk through Concordia, a historic Texas cemetery.
915-842-8200 • ConcordiaCemetery.org

Southeastern Cowboy Fest. Symposium
Cartersville, GA, Oct. 24-27: Since 2003, shares Western art history lectures and pioneer demonstrations; at Booth Western Art Museum.
770-387-1300 • BoothMuseum.org

Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival
Cedar City, UT, Oct. 25-27: Since 2006, celebrates Mormon pioneers and cattle and sheep ranching with dutch oven competition and sheep parade.
435-586-8132 • CedarLivestockFest.com

BEST OLD WEST RE-ENACTMENT GROUP

1838 Rendezvous Association

Plenty of re-enactment groups around the country focus on famous shoot-outs and the like, and many of them are indeed great. But as we near the 175th anniversary of the 1838 rendezvous in Wyoming's Wind Country, we have to recognize the efforts of the 1838 Rendezvous Association. This entourage of mountain men re-enactors puts on its best tanned hides and heads to the annual re-enactment of the 1838 rendezvous of Jim Bridger, Kit Carson and other famous mountain men who met along the Wind River.

READER'S CHOICE: Six Guns and Shady Ladies • El Paso, TX • SixGunsAndShadyLadies.Homestead.com

Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering
Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 25-27: Since 1991, Western Swing festival, ranch rodeo, chuckwagon cook-off and cowboy poetry; at Fort Worth Stockyards.
817-444-5502
RedSteagallCowboyGathering.com

Waterfront Fine Art & Wine Festival
Scottsdale, AZ, Oct. 25-27: Since 2012, art, wine, chocolates and Southwestern artists and musicians line the banks of the Scottsdale Waterfront.
480-837-5637 • ThunderbirdArtists.com

Wild Western Festival
Glendale, AZ, Oct. 25-27: Since 2005, Old West gunfight and stunt shows, Indian dancing and trick horse contests; at Sahuaro Ranch Park.
623-882-9428 • WildWesternFestival.com

Heber City Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Buckaroo Fair
Midway, UT, Oct. 30-Nov. 3: Since 1995, cowboy music, poetry and storytelling, and Western art festival that celebrates cowboy culture.
435-503-1320 • HeberCityCowboyPoetry.com

Black Hills Pow Wow
Rapid City, SD, Oct. TBA: Since 1987, powwow features 1,200 dancers, drum groups and hand games; at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.
605-341-0925 • BlackHillsPowWow.com

Prescott Area Artists' Studio Tour
Prescott, AZ, Oct. TBA: Since 2008, this self-guided tour of private art studios and art centers allows folks to purchase artwork and view live art demonstrations.
928-445-2510 • PrescottStudioTour.com

Scottsdale Western Art Walk
Scottsdale, AZ, Oct. TBA: Since 1990, tour classic and contemporary Western and American Indian art at Old Town Scottsdale galleries.
480-377-9366 • ScottsdaleGalleries.com

Cave Creek Wild West Days
Cave Creek, AZ, Nov. 1-3: Since 2003, celebrates the town's Western heritage with mounted shooter competitions, pig races and mutton bustin'.
480-437-1196 • WildWestDaysCaveCreek.com

WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo
Amarillo, TX, Nov. 7-10: Since 1996, Working Ranch Cowboy Association's world championship event; at Amarillo Civic Center.
806-374-9722 • WRCA.org

National Finals Steer Roping
Guthrie, OK, Nov. 8-9: Since 1984, top 15 PRCA steer ropers vie for the world title in steer roping; at Lazy E Arena.
800-595-7433 • LazyE.com

Small Works, Great Wonders
Oklahoma City, OK, Nov. 14: Since 2006, winter art sale benefiting the National Cowboy Museum & Western Heritage Center; at museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Alpine Artwalk
Alpine, TX, Nov. 15-16: Since 1994, outdoor Western art marketplace and silent auction with live cowboy music; in downtown Alpine.
432-837-3067 • ArtwalkAlpine.com

Ranch Hand Breakfast
Kingsville, TX, Nov. 15-17: Cowboy breakfast at the 1853 King Ranch includes team roping, camp cooking and cowboy storytelling.
800-333-5032 • King-Ranch.com

Thunderbird Emporium of Scottsdale
Scottsdale, AZ, Nov. 15-17: Since 2012, Dickensian carols and wares such as wood carvings, chestnut roastings and mulled wine; at Scottsdale Waterfront.
480-837-7163 • ThunderbirdArtists.com

WMA Showcase & Awards Show
Albuquerque, NM, Nov. 20-24: Since 1989, Western Music Association awards, music workshops and chuckwagon dinner.
505-563-0673 • WesternMusic.com

Monterey Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival
Monterey, CA, Nov. 22-24: Since 1999, vaquero cowboy celebration of poetry and music with art and gear sale.
800-722-9652 • MontereyCowboy.org

Denton Holiday Lighting Festival
Denton, TX, Nov. 29: Since 1988, Victorian Christmas celebration includes lighting of the town Christmas Tree; at Courthouse Square.
940-349-8733 • DentonHolidayLighting.com

Heritage Travel



Mesa Old West Days
Mesa, AZ, Nov. TBA: Since 2008, gunfight re-enactments, territorial history events and Western music; in downtown Mesa.
480-835-0757 • MesaOldWestDays.com

Santa Ynez Valley Vaquero Show & Sale
Santa Ynez, CA, Nov. TBA: Since 1985, honors California vaquero via horsemanship demos and trade show; at Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum.
805-688-7889 • SantaYnezMuseum.org

Country Christmas
Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 4-8: Since 1994, Western lifestyle and gift marketplace to start off your holiday shopping, during National Finals Rodeo.
877-411-7277 • CountryChristmas.com

Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas Ball
Oklahoma City, OK, Dec. 20: Since 1994, Michael Martin Murphey headlines this yuletide dance; at Nat'l Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.
405-478-2250 • NationalCowboyMuseum.org

Art of the American Cowboy
Las Vegas, NV, Dec. TBA: Since 2010, collectors and artists mingle at Western art exhibit and sale, and an auction that benefits the Western Art Assn.
509-962-2934 • ArtOfTheAmericanCowboy.com

Cowboy Marketplace
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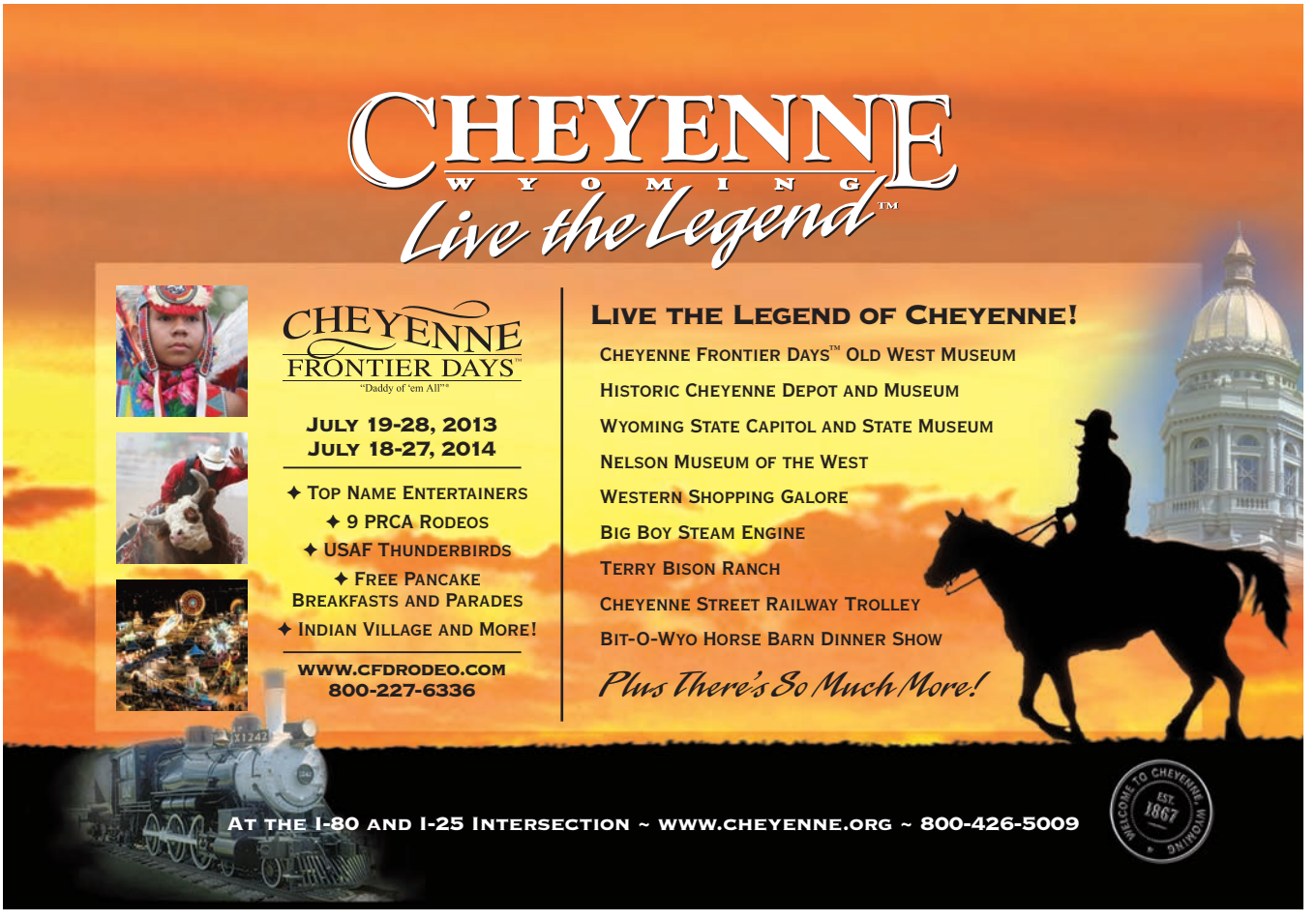
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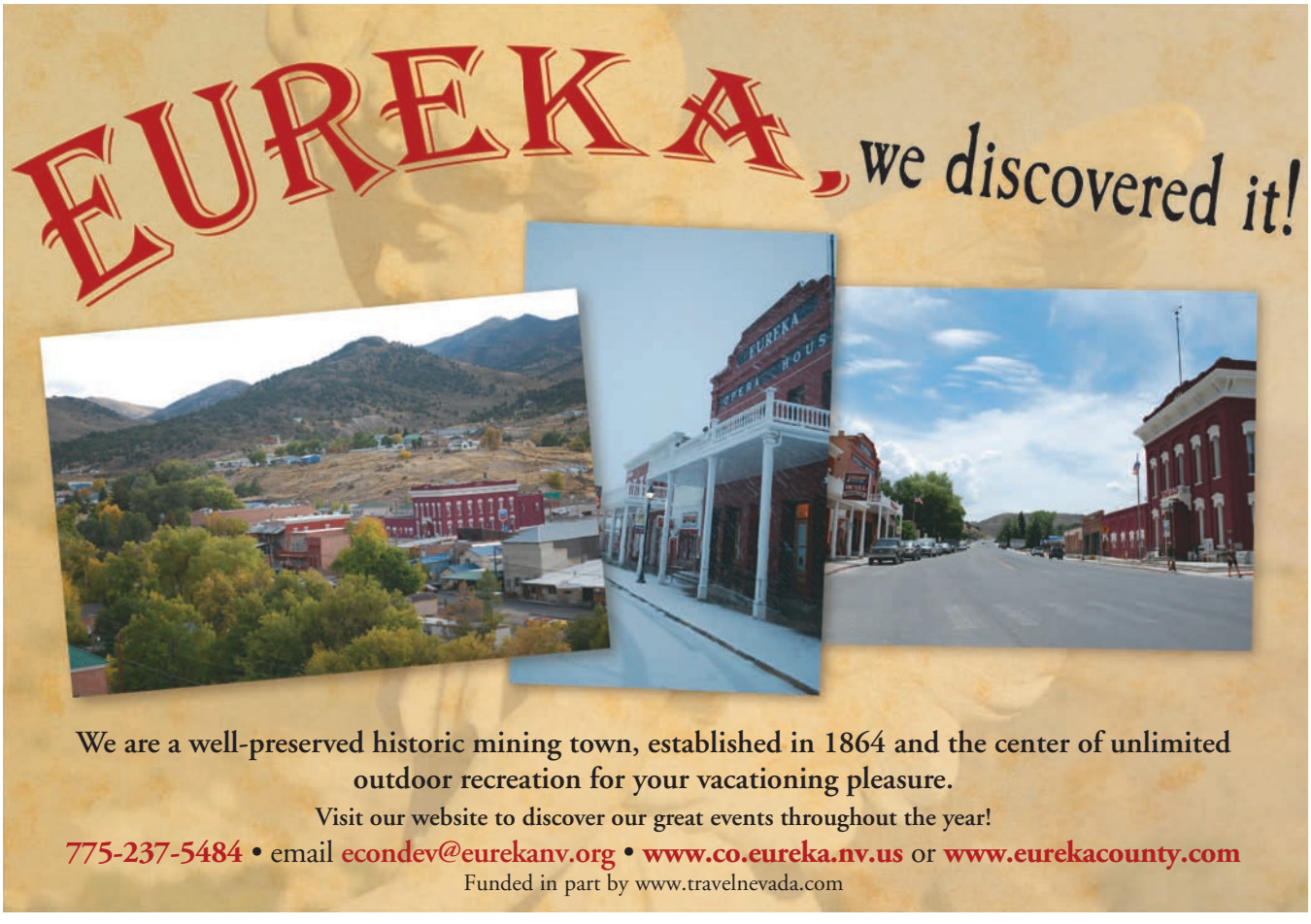
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Hotel with an 1898 saloon and a dining room formerly the lobby of the 1896 El Monte Hotel.
51 E. Therma Dr. Eagle Nest, NM 87718
800-821-2093 • LagunaVistaLodge.com

Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa
Stay where Comanches roamed at this luxury resort near Big Bend park.
HC 70 Box 400 Lajitas, TX 79852
877-525-4827 • LajitasGolfResort.com

Marcus Whitman Hotel
A restored 1928 hotel, named after the famous missionary, in Walla Walla's wine region.
6 W. Rose St. Walla Walla, WA 99362
866-826-9422 • MarcusWhitmanHotel.com

Menger Hotel
Across from the Alamo, this 1859 hotel is where Roosevelt recruited his Rough Riders.
204 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX 78205
210-223-4361 • MengerHotel.com

Occidental Hotel
Butch Cassidy, Calamity Jane and Buffalo Bill Cody stayed at this restored 1880 hotel.
10 N. Main St. Buffalo, WY 82834
307-684-0451 • OccidentalWyoming.com

Palace Hotel
An 18-room hotel, established in 1882, located in historic downtown Silver City.
106 W. Broadway St. Silver City, NM 88061
575-388-1811 • SilverCityPalaceHotel.com

Plaza Hotel
A renovated 1882 hotel where Roosevelt's Rough Riders held their first reunion in 1899.
230 Plaza Las Vegas, NM 87701
800-328-1882 • PlazaHotel-NM.com

Prescott Hampton Inn
Explore Lynx Creek gold discovery site all you want and return to "base camp" at this inn.
3453 Ranch Dr. Prescott, AZ 86303
928-443-5500 • HamptonInn.com

Prescott Holiday Inn Express
Prescott hotel with a health and fitness center, located near historic downtown Prescott.
3454 Ranch Dr. Prescott, AZ 86303
928-445-8900 • HIExpress.com/PrescottAZ

Prescott Residence Inn Marriott
Bedroom suites feature full kitchens; near historic downtown Prescott.
3599 Lee Circle Prescott, AZ 86301
928-775-2232 • Marriott.com

Prescott Resort
Spacious guest rooms and suites offer balconies with scenic mountain views.
1500 Hwy. 69 Prescott, AZ 86301
800-967-4637 • PrescottResort.com

Prescott Spring Hill Suites
Luxury accommodations just two blocks from historic downtown Prescott.
200 E. Sheldon St. Prescott, AZ 86301
888-466-8440 • Marriott.com

Red Cliffs Lodge
Located along the Colorado, flanked by red rock cliffs, with a museum of films shot at the ranch.
MP 14 Hwy. 128 Moab, UT 84532
866-812-2002 • RedCliffsLodge.com

Rochester Hotel
A restored hotel from 1892 that radiates funky cowboy décor with a "green" attitude.
721 E. 2nd Ave. Durango, CO 81301
800-664-1920 • RochesterHotel.com

St. James Hotel & Restaurant
This former way station in the Rockies evolved from an 1872 saloon into a hotel in 1880.
617 S. Collison Ave. Cimarron, NM 87714
888-376-2664 • ExStJames.com

Saratoga Resort & Spa
Indulge in the natural hot springs of Wyoming, and enjoy cold beers from the microbrewery.
601 E. Pic Pike Rd. Saratoga, WY 82331
800-594-0178 • SaratogaResortAndSpa.com

Stagecoach Motor Inn
Enjoy modern motel units at the former Welty Inn, where stagecoaches stopped in the 1900s.
103 E. Ramshorn St. Dubois, WY 82513
800-455-5090 • StagecoachMotel-Dubois.com

Stanley Hotel
Since 1909, this National Register of Historic Places hotel offers Rocky Mountain views.
333 Wonderview Ave. Estes Park, CO 80517
800-976-1377 • StanleyHotel.com

Stockyards Hotel
Making guests happy since 1907 and set in the historic Stockyards District in Fort Worth.
109 E. Exchange Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76164
800-423-8471 • StockyardsHotel.com

Strater Hotel
Opened in 1888, hotel offers Victorian rooms furnished with antique timepieces.
699 Main Ave. Durango, CO 81301
800-247-4431 • Strater.com

Tombstone Holiday Inn Express
Overlooking historic Tombstone and within walking distance to Boot Hill Cemetery.
580 W. Randolph Way Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-9507 • HITombstone.com

Trail's End Motel
Motel units on the banks of the Wind River with knotty pine interiors and Western art.
511 W. Ramshorn St. Dubois, WY 82513
888-455-6660 • TrailsEndMotel.com

U.S. Grant Hotel
This 1910 hotel was built on the site of the region's first luxury hotel, 1867 Horton House.
326 Broadway San Diego, CA 92101
619-232-3121 • USGrant.net

Wolf Hotel
Founded in 1893 and restored to original conditions to preserve this Old West hotel.
101 E. Bridge St. Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-5525 • WolfHotel.com

Wortley Hotel
Hotel once owned by Sheriff Pat Garrett; motto "No Guests Gunned Down in Over 100 Years."
Hwy. 380 Lincoln, NM 88338
575-653-4300 • WortleyHotel.com

Yogo Inn
Originally a 1913 train depot, this hotel is named after the Yogo Sapphire mined in Montana.
211 E. Main St. Lewistown, MT 59457
800-860-9646 • YogoInn.com

Heritage Hotels: RV Parks/ Campgrounds

49er RV Camping
An 1852 campground housing modern RVs, but with the same "old ranch hospitality."
23223 Italian Bar Rd. Columbia, CA 95310
209-532-4978 • 49RV.com

Dubois Wind River KOA
Camping cabins, tent and RV sites, and horse corrals that are big rig friendly.
225 Welty St. Dubois, WY 82513
800-562-0806 • KOA.com

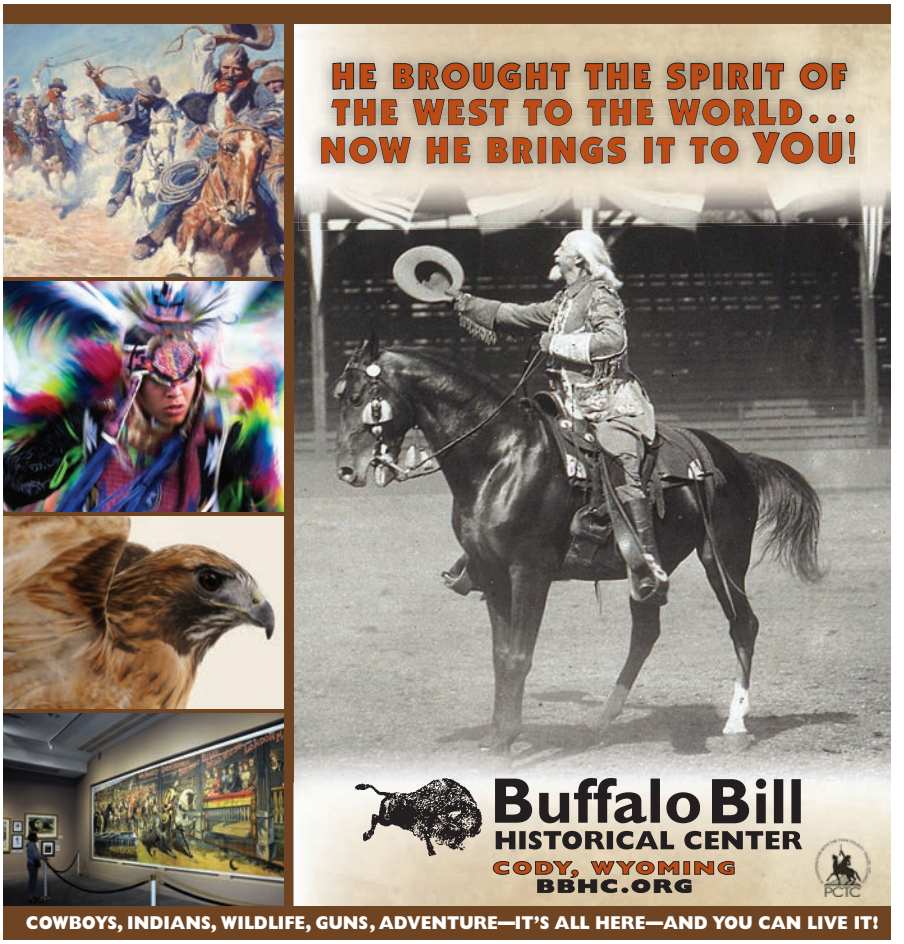
Durango Riverside Resort & RV Park
Cabins and RV site located on the Animas River surrounded by the San Juan Mountains.

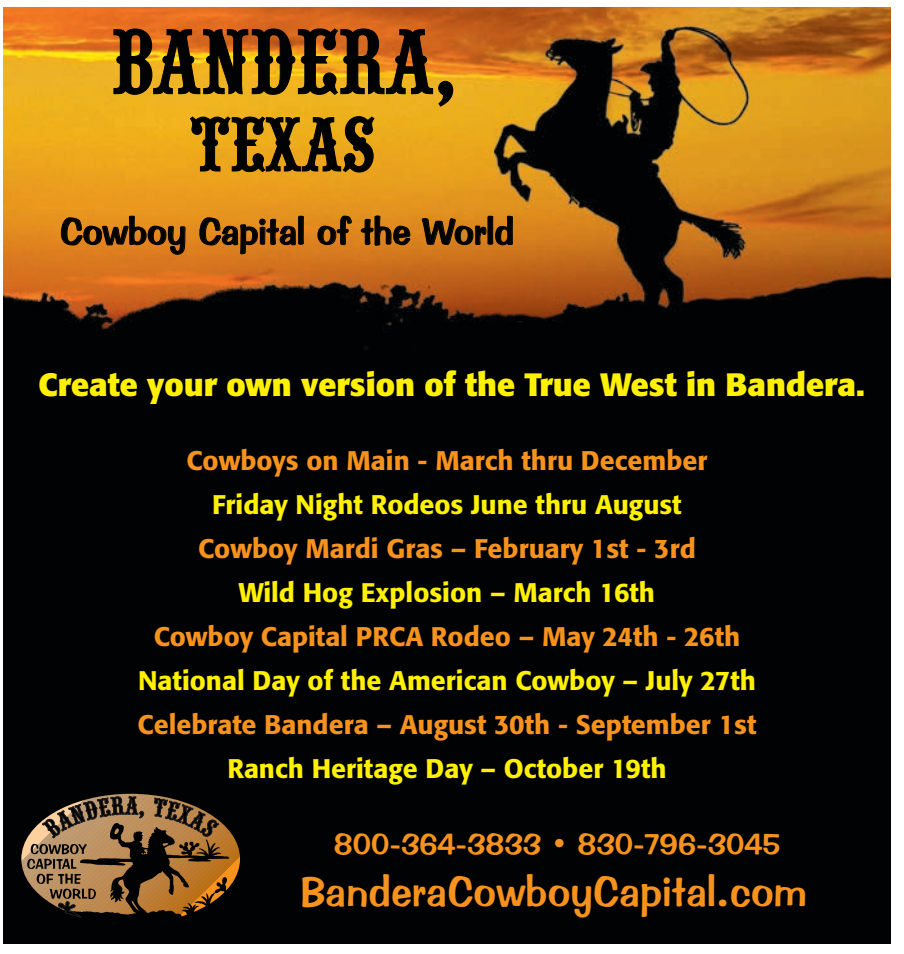
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Cody, WY

The town started in part by a legend of the West is still the place to live like the frontier days never ended. The cowboy lifestyle is alive and well in Cody, Wyoming, named after William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. How about a rodeo every night for three months straight in the summer? Cody has that with the Cody Nite Rodeo. In the Big Sky Country near Cody, where the buffalo and grizzlies still roam free, you're always a stone's throw from the vast frontier of Yellowstone National Park. People in Cody truly live life to their cowboy or cowgirl heart's delight.





Heritage Travel

13391 County Rd. 250 Durango, CO 81301
800-351-2819 • DurangoRiversideResort.com

Garden of the Gods Campground
Offers full RV hook-ups, base camping, tent cabins near a mountain creek and free WiFi.
3704 W. Colorado Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
800-248-9451 • ColoradoCampground.com

Hells Canyon Resort & Marina
Camp or dock your boat along Snake River, off the Lewis & Clark Trail and near Hells Canyon.
1560 Port Dr. Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-6963 • HellsCanyon.net

KC RV Park & Horse Hotel
Offers a full service stable and stalls, with trail riding in nearby Hole-in-the-Wall.
42 Mayoworth Rd. Kaycee, WY 82639
307-783-2233

Longhorn Ranch
Set amidst the Red Badlands and in a bend of the Wind River with a cookout pavilion.
5810 E. Hwy. 26 Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-2337 • TheLonghornRanch.com

Marble Quarry RV Park
Camping site in central Yosemite that's a short walk to the Gold Rush town of Columbia.
11551 Yankee Hill Rd. Columbia, CA 95310
866-677-8464 • MarbleQuarry.com

Rafter J Bar Ranch RV Park & Cabins
Near George Mickelson Trail, Mount Rushmore, Custer park and Crazy Horse memorial.
12325 Rafter J-Bar Rd. Hill City, SD 57745
888-723-8375 • RafterJ.com

Rawhide Resort and RV Park
Stay in log cabins or camp out near the Wind River at this RV park set up with horse corrals.
4141 Hwy. 26 Dubois, WY 82513
866-930-8579 • RawhideResortAndRVPark.com

Skyline Ranch RV Park
Stay near the Medina River, along nature trails, at an RV park geared toward adults.
2231 Hwy. 16N Bandera, TX 78003
800-267-1402 • SkylineRanchRVPark.com

Stampede RV Park
Within walking distance to Tombstone, as well as historic gold, silver and copper mines.
201 W. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
866-409-4778 • Tombstone-Stampede.com

Twin Pines RV Park & Campground
Full amenities and a central location to watch the sunset over the Rocky Mountains.
7345 Hwy. 789 Lander, WY 82520
800-986-4008 • TwinPinesRVPark.com

Weaver's Needle Trailer Resort
Senior-oriented RV resort, surrounded by the Superstition Mountains, offers 400 RV sites.
250 S. Tomahawk Rd. Apache Junction, AZ 85119
480-982-3683 • WeaversNeedle.com

BEST HERITAGE B&B

Nagle Warren Mansion B&B

In Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Nagle Warren brings the elegance of the Victorian era to modern times. Each of the 12 rooms in the 1888 mansion is uniquely and luxuriously decorated to re-create the Victorian West, yet provide modern technology and amenities. Don't miss the English tradition of afternoon tea with seasonal offerings and the staff dressed in period attire. Steak enthusiasts must try the grilled filet mignon béarnaise for dinner or partake in one of the murder mystery dinners. The mansion also makes a beautiful setting for weddings or other private functions.

READER'S CHOICE: Wortley Hotel • Lincoln, NM • WortleyHotel.com

Heritage Railroads

1880 Train Black Hills Central RR
Steam train takes tourists on a two-hour ride through South Dakota's scenic Black Hills.
222 Railroad Ave. Hill City, SD 57745
605-574-2222 • 1880Train.com

Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad
Excursion train rides in historic dining car on trackage between Abilene and Enterprise, Kansas.
200 SE Fifth St. Abilene, KS 67410
888-426-6687 • ASVRR.org

Arkansas & Missouri Railroad
Scenic tour of the Boston Mountains from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Monett, Missouri.
306 E. Emma Springdale, AR 72764
800-687-8600 • AMRailroad.com

Austin Steam Train
Train tours through Texas Hill Country, with one stopping at the 1912 train depot in Bertram.
401 E. Whitestone Blvd. Suite A-103
Cedar Park, TX 78613
512-477-8468 • AustinSteamTrain.org

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo
Ride through the Judith Basin, home to the famed cowboy artist, and enjoy a prime rib dinner.
408 NE Main St. Lewistown, MT 59457
866-912-3980
MontanaCharlieRussellChewChoo.com

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR
This 1880 narrow-gauge steam railroad tours Rocky Mountains between Colorado and New Mexico.
500 Terrace Ave. Chama, NM 87520
888-286-2737 • CumbresToltec.com

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
This 1881 steam train takes passengers through silver and gold country of San Juan Mountains.
479 Main Ave. Durango, CO 81301
888-872-4607 • DurangoTrain.com

Eagle Cap Excursion Train
Joseph Branch line (built 1884-1908) shares Indian and rail history during special excursions.
300 N. 8th St. Elgin, OR 97827
800-323-7330 • EagleCapTrain.com

Fillmore & Western Railway Co.
Home of the "movie trains," this railroad offers dinner, murder mystery and holiday excursions.
351 Santa Clara St. Fillmore, CA 93015
805-524-2546 • FWRY.com

Georgetown Loop Railroad
Ride the train on a three-foot-wide, corkscrew route of this narrow gauge railroad built in 1884.
507 Taos St. Georgetown, CO 80444
888-456-6777 • GeorgetownLoopRR.com

Grand Canyon Railway
Since 1901, excursion train offers five classes of service through the Grand Canyon in Arizona.
233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd. Williams, AZ 86046
800-843-8724 • TheTrain.com

Heber Valley Railroad
Steam train on 1899 rail line takes passengers through Provo Canyon and around Heber Valley.
450 S. 600 W. Heber City, UT 84032
800-888-8499 • HeberValleyRR.org

Kettle Valley Steam Railway
Ride a restored 1912 steam locomotive on a 90-minute journey through orchards and vineyards.
18404 Bathville Rd. Summerland, BC V0H 1Z8
877-494-8424 • KettleValleyRail.org

Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad
This excursion train tours historic mining areas and pioneer settlements to the Continental Divide.
326 E. 7th St. Leadville, CO 80461
866-386-3936 • Leadville-Train.com

Mount Hood Railroad
Established in 1906, offers narrated history, dinner parties and holiday train excursions.
110 Railroad Ave. Hood River, OR 97031
800-872-4661 • MtHoodRR.com

Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad
Preserved steam trains service the foothills of Mount Rainier in Washington State.
54124 Mountain Hwy E. Elbe, WA 98355
888-783-2611 • MRSR.com

Nevada Northern Railway
Excursions on steam locomotives, including a program in which you are the train engineer.
1100 Avenue A Ely, NV 89301
866-407-8326 • NNRY.com

Pike's Peak Cog Railway
World's highest cog railroad takes passengers to the 14,110 foot summit of Pike's Peak.
515 Ruxton Ave. Manitou Springs, CO 80829
719-685-5401 • CogRailway.com

Santa Fe Southern Railway
Vintage rail cars carry tourists from Santa Fe to Lamy on route reaching its namesake in 1880.
410 S. Guadalupe St. Santa Fe, NM 87501
888-989-8600 • SFSR.com

Skunk Train
Passengers cross the Noyo River and travel through redwoods on a 1924 steam locomotive.
299 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 95490
866-457-5865 • SkunkTrain.com

Sumpter Valley Railway
Historic steam-powered excursion train offers scheduled runs between McEwen and Sumpter.
12259 Huckleberry Loop Rd.
Baker City, OR 97814
866-894-2268 • SVRy.com

Tennessee Valley Railroad
Scenic rail trips to Hiwassee River Gorge and Chickamauga, Georgia, via a Civil War-era tunnel.
4119 Cromwell Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421
423-894-8028 • TVRail.com

Texas State Railroad
This 1881 railroad built by Rusk Penitentiary inmates offers steam or diesel train trips.
Park Rd. 76 Hwy. 84 W. Rusk, TX 75785
888-987-2461 • TexasStateRR.com

Thunder Mountain Line
Completed in 1914, railroad offers excursion routes along the scenic Payette River.
120 Mill Rd. Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629
877-432-7245 • ThunderMountainLine.com

Verde Canyon Railroad
Since 1912, this train offers passengers views of Red Rock Canyon, Sinagua ruins and wildlife.
300 N. Broadway Clarkdale, AZ 86324
800-582-7245 • VerdeCanyonRR.com

Virginia & Truckee Railroad
Excursion train on 1870 short line to Comstock mines between Virginia City and Carson City.
370 F St. Virginia City, NV 89440
775-847-0380 • VirginiaTruckee.com

White Pass & Yukon Route RR
Excursion train rides on 1898 narrow gauge railway built during the Klondike Gold Rush.
231 Second Ave. Skagway, AK 99840
800-343-7373 • WPYR.com

Heritage Ranch Directories

Arizona Dude Ranch Assn.
Since 1992, offers comparisons of member ranches in Arizona, plus a list of riding programs.
P.O. Box 603 Cortaro, AZ 85652
520-823-4277 • AZDRA.com

Dude Ranchers' Assn.
Since 1926, helps people find dude ranch vacations in the American West and Canada.
1122 12th St. Cody, WY 82414
866-399-2339 • DudeRanch.org

RanchWeb.com
Gene Kilgore's online guide to guest, working cattle and fly-fishing ranches worldwide.
809 Broadway Suite 1 Sonoma, CA 95476
707-939-3801 • RanchWeb.com

Top50Ranches.com
Online, searchable guide to guest ranches and ranch vacations offering authentic experiences.
733 Goulding Creek Rd. Roundup, MT 59072
406-749-9131 • Top50Ranches.com

Heritage Ranches

320 Guest Ranch
This 1898 guest ranch offers summer hayrides, fly-fishing and horseback rides and winter wildlife tours and snowmobiling; open all year.
Hwy. 191 MM 36 Big Sky, MT 59730
800-243-0320 • 320Ranch.com

63 Ranch
Horses at this 1930 guest ranch don the 1863 ranch brand, and guests can ride or drive to Yellowstone; open June through September.
184 Bruffey Ln. Livingston, MT 59047
888-395-5151 • 63Ranch.com

71 Ranch
Working cattle ranch first established in 1877 and located in the Ruby Mountains offers trail rides and Cowboy School; open all year.
HC 64 Box 6 Deeth, NV 89823
866-717-7171

7D Ranch
Since 1928, family-oriented guest ranch in Sunlight Basin offers trail rides, hiking and fishing; open June through September.
774 Sunlight Rd. Cody, WY 82414
888-587-9885 • 7DRanch.com

Averill's Flathead Lake Ranch
Built in 1932 by Les Averill, this 2,000-acre guest ranch boasts horseback rides, team roping and team penning; open June through September.
150 Flathead Lake Lodge Rd.
Big Fork, MT 59911
406-837-4391 • FlatheadLakeLodge.com

Bar Lazy J Guest Ranch
Colorado's oldest, continuously-operating guest ranch, since 1912, offers Colorado River rafting and cattle drives; open May through October.
447 County Rd. 3 Parshall, CO 80468
800-396-6279 • BarLazyJ.com

Bar M Ranch
A former 1864 stage stop, this 3,000-acre guest ranch offers horseback riding, natural hot springs, fishing and camping; open all year.
58840 Bar M Ln. Adams, OR 97810
541-566-3381 • BarMRanch.com

Bar W Guest Ranch
Since 2005, guest ranch offers indoor and outdoor horseback rides, fishing, cattle drives and junior cowpoke program; open all year.
2875 Hwy. 93 W. Whitefish, MT 59937
866-828-2900 • BarWGuestRanch.com

Bitterroot Ranch
Since 1971, guest ranch offers cattle drives, team sorting, roundups, pack trips, trail rides and fly-fishing on a private stream; open all year.
1480 E. Fork Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
800-545-0019 • BitterrootRanch.com



BEST CHUCKWAGON COOK-OFF

Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium Cook-Off

This is where the cream of the crop compete to be crowned the world's best. Showcased on Food Network's *All-American Festivals*, the cook-off in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, features about 20 chuckwagon crews competing for $13,000 in prizes. But it's not just the food that gets judged here; the participants also get in the spirit of the Old West with their authentic period attire and chuckwagons. Get there early and buy tickets to Sunday morning's biscuits and gravy breakfast; tickets go fast, and the food goes quick.

READER'S CHOICE (tie): National Cowboy Symposium Cook-Off • Lubbock, TX • Cowboy.org /
Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium Cook-Off • Ruidoso Downs, NM • CowboySymposium.org

Broken Arrow Lodge
Located along Ruby River, this 1994 lodge offers horseback riding, fly-fishing, float trips and visits to ghost towns; open June through August.
24 Fly Fisher Ln. Alder, MT 59710
800-775-2928 • BrokenArrowLodge.com

Bucking S Ranch
Since 2003, working cattle and guest ranch in the foothills of Seminoe and Shirley Mountains offers cattle drives; open May through October.
HC61 Box 107 Hanna, WY 82327
866-933-3422 • BuckingSRanch.com

Burnt Well Guest Ranch
Since 1950, working cattle and sheep ranch offers opportunities to doctor cattle, brand calves, mark lambs and shear sheep; open all year.
399 Chesser Rd. Roswell, NM 88203
866-729-0974 • BurntWellGuestRanch.com

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3640 Hwy. 125 Granby, CO 80446
970-887-3344 • CLazyU.com

Cibolo Creek Ranch
This 1857 ranch boasts 1850s adobe forts, pioneer ruins, a Texas Ranger camp and trail rides along Cibolo Creek to Indian petroglyphs; open all year.
HCR 67 Box 44 Marfa, TX 79843
866-496-9460 • CiboloCreekRanch.com

Cimarroncita
Since 1931, Santa Fe Trail ranch near Sangre de Cristo mountain range offers fly fishing on Cimarron River; from June through September.
29820 Hwy. 64 Ute Park, NM 87749
866-376-2482 • Cimarroncita.com

Circle Z Ranch
Trail ride at this 1881 sheep ranch-turned-1926 guest ranch that is site of Ward homestead tied to Bascom Affair; open November through April.
P.O. Box 194 Patagonia, AZ 85624
888-854-2525 • CircleZ.com

CM Ranch
Since 1927, guest ranch offers horseback rides, pack trips to Union Lake, weekly rodeo, fly-fishing at Jakey's Fork and cookouts; open all year.
167 Fish Hatchery Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
800-455-0721 • CMRanch.com

Coffee Creek Ranch
Since 1900, guest ranch offers trout fishing in Coffee Creek, horseback rides and pack trips in the Trinity Alps; open May through November.
HC2 Box 4940 Trinity Center, CA 96091
800-624-4480 • CoffeeCreekRanch.com

Colorado Cattle Co. & Guest Ranch
Working ranch, established in 1991 on a former 1868 ranch, offers cattle drives, cow doctoring and branding; open May through October.
70008 Weld County Rd. 132
New Raymer, CO 80742
970-437-5345 • ColoradoCattleCompany.com

Colorado Trails Ranch
Since 1960, guest ranch offers fly-fishing, trail rides, trap shooting and rafting on the Animas River; open June through September.
12161 County Rd. 240 Durango, CO 81301
877-711-7843 • ColoradoTrails.com

Crossed Sabres Ranch
An 1898 stagecoach stop and 1907 guest ranch that offers hunting trips, horseback rides and wilderness excursions; open June through August.
829 N. Fork Hwy. Cody, WY 82414
888-587-3750 • CrossedSabresRanch.com

C.S. Cattle Company
Family-owned-and-operated since 1873, working cattle ranch offers antelope, deer and elk hunting on its 130,000 acres; open all year.
620C State Rd. 58 Cimarron, NM 87714
575-376-2827 • CSCattle.com

Double E Ranch
Since 1996, working cattle ranch offers trail rides, roundups, cowboy mounted shooting clinics and cowboy college; open all year.
67 Double E Ranch Rd. Gila, NM 88038
575-535-2048 • DoubleERanch.com

Diamond D Ranch
Since 1960, guest ranch offers trail rides, big game hunting camps, gold panning and fly-fishing in a private lake; open June through October.
P.O. Box 35 Stanley, ID 83278
800-222-1269 • DiamondDRanch-Idaho.com

Drowsy Water Ranch
Since 1977, guest ranch offers horseback rides, trout fishing, jeep trips, river rafting and pack trips; open May through September.
1454 County Rd. 219 Granby, CO 80446
800-845-2292 • DrowsyWater.com

EA Ranch
Butch Cassidy worked here in 1892; this working cattle ranch at base of Absaroka Mountains offers horseback rides and fly-fishing; open all year.
913 Horse Creek Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-3335 • EARanchWyoming.com

Eatons' Ranch
Established in 1879 and still family owned, guest ranch offers horseback rides, pack trips and fishing; open June through September.
270 Eatons Ranch Rd. Wolf, WY 82844
800-210-1049 • EatonsRanch.com

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BEST OLD WEST GUNFIGHTER TOWN

Tombstone, AZ

Was there any question which one would win? People from around the world still flock to the "Town too Tough to Die" to retrace the steps of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, and to catch a daily re-enactment of the legendary Gunfight Behind the O.K. Corral. Though the details on the historical accuracy of the place are sketchy, Boothill Graveyard is still a kick to visit. And don't miss the Bird Cage Theatre Museum to see if you can spot all 140 bullet holes from the town's Old West heyday.

READER'S CHOICE:
Tombstone, AZ

Elkhorn Ranch (Arizona)
Since 1945, three generations of the Miller family have offered rides along desert and mountain trails; open November through April.
27000 W. Elkhorn Ranch Rd. Tucson, AZ 85736
520-822-1040 • ElkhornRanch.com

Elkhorn Ranch (Montana)
Near Yellowstone park since 1922, this family-oriented ranch offers horseback rides and fly-fishing; open June through September.
33133 Gallatin Rd. Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
406-995-4291 • ElkhornRanchMT.com

Express UU Bar Ranch
Part of an 1849 ranch owned by Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell, this cattle ranch offers big game hunts, trout fishing and trail rides; open all year.
1115 Hwy. 21 Cimarron, NM 87714
575-376-2035 • ExpressUUBar.com

Flying A Ranch
In mountain man country, guest ranch offers trout fishing, horseback rides and trap shooting; open June through September.
771 Flying A Ranch Rd. Pinedale, WY 82941
888-833-3348 • FlyingA.com

Flying E Ranch
Since 1946, working cattle ranch offers horseback rides and cookouts at the 20,000-acre ranch; open November through May.
2801 W. Wickenburg Way Wickenburg, AZ 85390
888-684-2650 • FlyingERanch.com

Flying L Guest Ranch
Since 1947, guest ranch in the Texas Hill Country offers trail rides, overnight cowboy trip and a water park for the kids; open all year.
566 Flying L Dr. Bandera, TX 78003
800-292-5134 • FlyingL.com

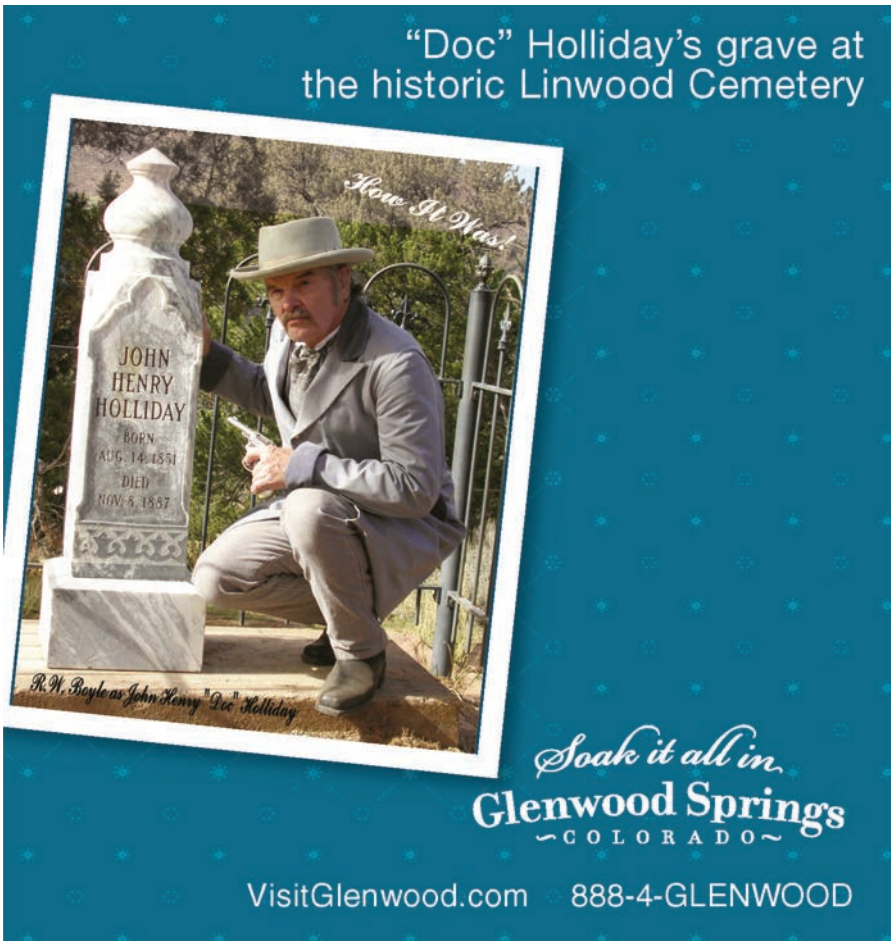
Flying W Ranch
A 7,000-acre working cattle ranch since 1996, owned by fifth-generation Flint Hills rancher offers trail rides and chuckwagon fare; open April-August.
1515 G Rd. Cedar Point, KS 66843
620-274-4357

French Broad Outpost Ranch
Since 1993, guest ranch in Smoky Mountains offers cattle drives, team penning and river rafting; open March through November.
461 Old River Rd. Del Rio, TN 37727
800-995-7678 • FrenchBroadRiver.com

Geronimo Trail Guest Ranch
A 1982 hunting lodge-turned-ranch offers trail rides in Gila forest where Geronimo was born and Apache roamed; open March through November.
1 Wall Lake Rd. Winston, NM 87943
575-772-5157 • GeronimoRanch.com

Goosewing Ranch
Founded in 1898, working ranch offers horseback rides, fly-fishing, target shooting and overnight pack trips; open June through September.
24400 E. Cottonwood Creek Rd.
Jackson, WY 83001
888-733-5251 • GoosewingRanch.com

Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS
Since 1866, working cattle ranch offers tours of about 80 historic structures from the former 10-million-acre cattle empire; open all year.
266 Warren Ln. Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070 • NPS.gov/GRKO





Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch
Since 1962, guest ranch offers fishing, trail rides, plus cowgirl boot camp and Wild West Singles; open May through November.
2116 Greenhorn Ranch Rd. Quincy, CA 95971
800-334-6939 • GreenhornRanch.com

Hawley Mountain Guest Ranch
In the Jarrett family since 1917, ranch offers a Yellowstone River boat float, mine tours and trail rides; open June through September.
4188 Main Boulder Rd. McLeod, MT 59052
877-496-7848 • HawleyMountain.com

Hideout Lodge & Guest Ranch
Since 1906, working cattle ranch in Bighorn Mountains allows guests to sort, gather, brand and roundup cattle; open all year.
3170 Rd. 40½ Shell, WY 82441
800-354-8637 • TheHideout.com

Homeplace Ranch
Family-owned working cattle ranch since 1946 offers half- or full-day rides in Canadian Rocky Mountain country; open all year.
Site 2 Box 6 RR 1 Priddis, AB TOL 1W0
877-931-3245 • HomeplaceRanch.com

Hunewill Guest Ranch
Since 1861, working ranch east of Yosemite park offers horseback rides, cattle drives and cow work activities; open May through October.
P.O. Box 368 Bridgeport, CA 93517
760-932-7710 • HunewillRanch.com

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BEST HISTORIC RODEO

Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo

The world's oldest still knows how to do it right. Originated in 1888, Arizona's Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo continues to bring together the nation's best bull and bronco riders. What started off as a handful of cowboys competing for a purse of no more than $1,000 has turned into a rodeo lovers dream with 600 contestants competing for $250,000. Whether they win or lose, the men and women keeping the rodeo tradition strong can often be found at the popular Whiskey Row.

READER'S CHOICE: Cheyenne Frontier Days · Cheyenne, WY · CFDRodeo.com

JJJ Wilderness Ranch
Since 1976, specializes in family vacations with horseback rides, trout fishing and trips into Bob Marshall Wilderness; open May through October.
80 Mortimer Rd. Augusta, MT 59410
406-562-3653 • TripleJRanch.com

K Diamond K Guest Ranch
Since 1961, working cattle ranch offers riding trails, fishing on the San Poil River running through ranch and cattle drives; open all year.
15661 Hwy. 21 S. Republic, WA 99166
888-345-5355 • KDiamondK.com

Klondike Ranch
An 1886 working cattle ranch in Johnson County offers horseback rides, wildlife and photography tours and fishing; open May through September.
386 Crazy Woman Canyon Rd. Buffalo, WY 82834
800-362-2982 • KlondikeRanch.com

Ladder Ranch
Family-owned since 1881, working sheep and cattle ranch lets you brand calves, dock lambs, trail ride, hunt and fish; open all year.
479 County Rd. 710 Savery, WY 82332
307-383-2413 • LadderRanch.com

Laramie River Dude Ranch
Since 1937, guest ranch offers trail rides, fly-fishing, cattle drive and 1890s ranch structures; open June through September.
25777 County Rd. 103 Jelm, WY 82063
800-551-5731 • LRRanch.com

Laughing Water Ranch
Since 1988, guest ranch offers trout fishing, whitewater rafting and horseback rides through Montana Rockies; open May through October.
926 Curtis Rd. Fortine, MT 59918
800-847-5095 • LWRanch.com

Lazy E-L Ranch
Since 1901, fifth-generation working ranch offers trail rides, backpack trips, cattle roundups and pig races; open May through October.
161 Lazy E-L Ranch Rd. Roscoe, MT 59071
406-328-6858 • LazyEL.com

Lazy K Bar Ranch
This 1880 working ranch-turned-guest ranch in 1922 offers unlimited riding on ranch-raised horses; open June through September.
100 Wheeler Creek Rd. Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-4449 • LazyKBar.net

Lazy L&B Ranch
A 1900 sheep ranch-turned-guest ranch offers trail rides through canyon draws to high plateaus and fishing; open June through September.
1072 E. Fork Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
800-453-9488 • LazyLB.com

Lodge at Diamond Cross
Trail rides, hunts and history tours on Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull at 1870s Tongue River cattle ranch; open June through mid-August.
29 Diamond Cross Ranch Ln. Birney, MT 59012
406-757-2220 • TheLodgeAtDiamondCross.com

Lone Mountain Ranch
Since 1926, guest ranch offers naturalist-guided hikes, horseback rides and canoeing in and around Yellowstone park; open all year.
750 Lone Mountain Ranch Rd. Big Sky, MT 59716
800-514-4644 • LMRanch.com

Lonesome Spur Ranch
Since 1906, fifth-generation working cattle ranch where Nicholas Evans wrote his book *The Horse Whisperer*; open all year.
151 Schwend Rd. Bridger, MT 59014
406-662-3460 • LonesomeSpur.com

Long Hollow Ranch
Trail riding on working cattle ranch that was once home to Black Butte Land and Livestock Cattle in 1905; open May through October.
71105 Holmes Rd. Sisters, OR 97759
877-923-1901 • LHRanch.com

Los Olmos Guest Ranch
Clint Eastwood's *My Name is Nobody* was filmed at this 1909 ranch, which offers hunting and fishing in Gila Wilderness; open all year.
#9 Lo Rd. Glenwood, NM 88039
575-539-2213 • TheLosOlmosRanch.com

Lost Valley Ranch
This 1883 working cattle ranch offers Orvis-guided fishing schools and horsemanship weeks; open March through November.
29555 Goose Creek Rd. Sedalia, CO 80135
303-647-2311 • LostValleyRanch.com

Lozier's Box "R" Ranch
Working ranch located near Bridger National Forest since 1900 offers trail rides, cattle drives and roundups, and pack trips; open all year.
552 Willow Creek Rd. Cora, WY 82925
307-367-4868 • BoxR.com

MacKenzie Highland Ranch
This 1921 ranch offers fully guided, partly guided or "on your own" hunting and trail rides in Shoshone forest; open all year.
3945 Hwy. 26 Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-3415 • MacKenzieHighlandRanch.com

McGinnis Meadows Cattle & Guest Ranch
Since 1998, guest ranch offers horseback rides, cattle drives, ranch penning and cattle cutting in the arenas; open April through October.
6220 McGinnis Meadows Rd. Libby, MT 59923
406-293-5000 • MMGRanch.net

Medicine Bow Lodge
Since 1912, guest ranch near Medicine Bow forest offers trail rides, horseback pack trips, fishing and winter sports; open all year.
Star Rte. 8A Saratoga, WY 82331
800-409-5439 • MedicineBowLodge.net

Moore Ranch
Since 1998, Texas Longhorns ranch offers guests real-life ranch tasks from riding the prairie to mending fences; open all year.
2933 County Rd. E. Bucklin, KS 67834
620-826-3649 • Longhorn-Cattle.com

Price Canyon Ranch
Established in 1879, guest ranch offers trail rides in a box canyon within the Ponderosa Pines of Coronado forest; open all year.
10923 Price Canyon Rd. Douglas, AZ 85607
520-240-6177 • PriceCanyon.com

Prude Ranch
Since 1896, guest ranch offers trail rides in Davis Mountains, bird watching, swimming and a kid's summer camp; open all year.
P.O. Box 1907 Fort Davis, TX 79734
800-458-6232 • Prude-Ranch.com

Rafter Six Ranch Resort
Trail rides at 1880 North West Mounted Police horse ranch-turned-guest ranch and location for Marilyn Monroe's *River of No Return;* open all year.
81130 Ranch Rd. E. Exshaw, AB T0L 2C0
888-267-2624 • RafterSix.com

Ranch at Ucross
An 1878 ranch in Bighorn Mountains offers horseback rides, fly-fishing in Piney Creek or on-site trout pond and hunting; open all year.
2673 Hwy. 14 E. Clearmont, WY 82835
307-737-2281 • BlairHotels.com

Rancho de los Caballeros
Since 1948, guest ranch offers trail rides, a guest rodeo, cattle cutting, jeep tours and campfire cookouts; open October through May.
1551 S. Vulture Mine Rd. Wickenburg, AZ 85390
800-684-5030 • RanchoDeLosCaballeros.com

Rancho de la Osa
Since 1923, guest ranch offers horseback rides, guided hikes and cowboy cookouts at a Spanish hacienda dating to Father Kino; open all year.
1 W. La Osa Ranch Rd. Sasabe, AZ 85633
800-872-6240 • RanchoDeLaOsa.com

Ranger Creek Guest Ranch
Established in 1918, ranch in the Bighorn Mountains offers guests overnight pack trips and breakfast and lunch rides; open all year.
3261 Paintrock Rd. Shell, WY 82441
307-765-4636 • RangerCreekRanch.net

Rankin Ranch
This 1863 cattle ranch started welcoming guests in 1965 and offers horseback riding, fishing and haywagon rides; open April through September.
23500 Walker Basin Rd. Caliente, CA 93518
661-867-2511 • RankinRanch.com

Red Pole Ranch & Motel
Located 38 miles east of Yellowstone park, guest ranch offers cabin accommodations, horseback expeditions and fishing; open all year.
574 Stagecoach Trail Cody, WY 82414
307-587-5929 • RedPoleRanch.com

Red Reflet Ranch
Bighorn Mountains working cattle ranch since 2000 utilizes 25,000 acres for horseback rides, trout fishing and cattle work; open all year.
10 Lodge Rd. Ten Sleep, WY 82442
866-766-2340 • RedRefletRanch.com

Rich Ranch
In the Blackfoot River Valley since 1958, guest ranch offers wilderness pack trips, elk and deer hunting and fly-fishing; open all year.
939 Cottonwood Lakes Rd.
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
800-532-4350 • RichRanch.com

Ring Lake Ranch
Since 1966, guest ranch in Wind River Mountains merges spiritual growth teachings with trail rides; open May through September.
570 Trail Lake Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
888-458-5253 • RingLake.org

Rocking Z Ranch
Since 1951, guest ranch offers Lewis & Clark Trail rides, Missouri River rafting and trips to Yellowstone and Glacier parks; open all year.
2020 Chevallier Dr. Wolf Creek, MT 59648
406-458-3890 • RockingZ.com



BEST PRESERVED PIONEER TOWN

Lincoln, NM

Lincoln is well traveled by Billy the Kid fanatics, but it's also worth a trip for its preserved historic district buildings. Though some of the buildings are threatened by the elements and age (and even a bat infestation in one!), they are still standing and still a sight to see. Be sure to check out the Old Lincoln County Courthouse, where the Kid made his escape, and the Torreon, a re-creation of the rock defensive tower. Stay the night in the room where the Kid was held captive at the Ellis Store Country Inn.

READER'S CHOICE:
Tombstone, AZ

Rolling Plains Adventures Ranch
This 1882 working cattle ranch still owned by the Doans offers 1800s wagon trail rides, cattle work and cattle drives, fishing and hunting; all year.
24401 62nd Ave. SE McKenzie, ND 58572
701-367-3737 • RollingPlainsAdventures.com

Rowse's 1+1 Ranch
Following in footsteps of 1880s Garfield County ranchers in families, Rowses offer working cattle ranch activities; open May through October.
46849 833rd Rd. Burwell, NE 68823
308-346-5530 • 1Plus1Ranch.com

Runamuk Guest Ranch
This 1886 cattle ranch offers working ranch activities like feeding the herd, horsemanship lessons, trail rides, guided hunts; all year.
733 Goulding Creek Rd. Roundup, MT 59072
406-323-3614 • RunamukGuestRanch.com

Running-R Guest Ranch
Adjoining Texas Hill Country, this 1930s cattle ranch offers cattle sorting and penning, cattle drives and horseback rides; open all year.
9059 Bandera Creek Rd. Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-3984 • RRRanch.com

Sweet Grass Ranch
This 1880 working cattle ranch offers cattle drives, cattle checks and horse wrangling lessons; open June through mid-September.
460 Rein Ln. Big Timber, MT 59011
406-537-4477 • SweetGrassRanch.com

Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch
Since 1946, working ranch near Rocky Mountain park offers trail rides, cattle drives, pack trips and fly-fishing; open all year.
2939 N. County Rd. 31D Loveland, CO 80538
877-667-3999 • SylvanDale.com

T Cross Ranch
In the Absaroka Mountains since 1918, guest ranch offers horseback rides, pack trips, fishing, hiking and wildlife; open all year.
82 Parque Creek Rd. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-2206 • TCross.com

Tanque Verde Ranch
An 1868 cattle ranch-turned-guest ranch offers horseback rides into Saguaro park and guided walks through the Sonoran Desert; open all year.
14301 E. Speedway Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85748
800-234-3833 • TanqueVerdeRanch.com

Tarryall River Ranch
Since 1930, guest ranch offers both destination and instruction horseback rides, rafting and kid's programs; open June through September.
27001.5 County Rd. 77 Lake George, CO 80827
800-408-8407 • TarryallRiverRanch.com

Tavaputs Ranch
Since 1889, guest ranch offers horseback rides, guided hunts, wildlife photography hikes and Fremont's range creek ruins tours; open all year.
P.O. Box 1736 Price, UT 84501
435-636-5008 • TavaputsRanch.com

Terry Bison Ranch
Since 1994, working bison ranch offers bison tours by train, trail rides, lake trout fishing and a Sunday dining train; open all year.
51 I-25 Service Rd. E. Cheyenne, WY 82007
307-634-4171 • TerryBisonRanch.com

Three Bars Ranch
Since 1991, guest ranch offers tours of 1864 Fort Steele, trail rides, fly-fishing, river rafting and kid's program; open June through September.
9500 Wycliffe Perry Creek Rd.
Cranbrook, BC V1C 7C7
877-426-5230 • ThreeBarsRanch.com

Triangle C Ranch
This 1906 guest ranch offers Wind River trail rides, trips to Yellowstone and a tie hack memorial; open May-October and December-March.
3737 Hwy. 26 Dubois, WY 82513
800-661-4928 • TriangleC.com

Triangle T Guest Ranch
Since 1922, guest ranch offers horse training and horseback rides in the foothills of the Dragoon Mountains and Texas Canyon; open all year.
4190 Dragoon Rd. Dragoon, AZ 85609
520-586-7533 • TriangleTGuestRanch.com

Triple R Ranch
Since 1983, Black Hills forest guest ranch offers wilderness and ghost town trail rides, and trips to Crazy Horse memorial; open May through October.
P.O. Box 124 Keystone, SD 57751
888-777-2624 • RRRRanch.com

Twin Elm Guest Ranch
Since 1939, guest ranch offers horseback rides through the Medina River, and summertime rodeos and chuckwagon races; open all year.
810 FM 470 Bandera, TX 78003
888-567-3049 • TwinElmRanch.net

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UXU Guest Ranch
Since 1929, Shoshone forest guest ranch offers horseback rides, fishing and Yellowstone trips; open June through September.
1710 Yellowstone Hwy. Wapiti, WY 82450
800-373-9027 • UXURanch.com

Vee Bar Guest Ranch
An 1891 cattle ranch-turned-guest ranch offers trap shooting, cattle herding, fly-fishing and horseback rides; open June through August.
38 Vee Bar Ranch Rd. Laramie, WY 82070
800-483-3227 • VeeBar.com

Western Pleasure Guest Ranch
Since 1940, fourth-generation cattle ranch offers mountain trail rides, youth horsemanship camps and winter sleigh rides; open all year.
1413 Upper Gold Creek Sandpoint, ID 83864
208-263-9066 • WesternPleasureRanch.com

White Stallion Ranch
Since 1965, working cattle ranch at the base of Tucson Mountains offers guided horseback rides and team cattle penning; open all year.
9251 W. Twin Peaks Rd. Tucson, AZ 85743
888-977-2624 • WhiteStallion.com

Wilderness Trails Ranch
Since 1950, guest ranch near Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings offers trail rides, cattle work and kid's programs; open June through September.
23486 County Rd. 501 Bayfield, CO 81122
800-527-2624 • WildernessTrails.com

Willow Creek Ranch at the Hole-in-the-Wall
Since 1882, working ranch near Hole-in-the-Wall outlaw hideout offers horseback rides and small-stream trout fishing; open all year.
P.O. Box 10 Kaycee, WY 82639
307-738-2294 • WillowCreekRanch.com

Wind Walker Guest Ranch
Rocky Mountain guest ranch offers horseback rides, Indian sweat lodge ceremonies, nature spas, cow work and fly-fishing; open all year.
11550 Pigeon Hollow Rd. Spring City, UT 84662
435-851-6157 • WindWalker.org

Wyoming High Country Ranch
Working cattle ranch in Bighorn Mountains offers trail rides sharing Devils Canyon ranching history since 1901; open all year.
Hwy. 14A Bighorn Nat'l Forest, WY 82030
877-548-2301 • WYHighCountry.com

Heritage Ranches (Youth)

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
Since 1939, educates both boys and girls in academics, vocational skills and spirituality.
600 W. 11th Amarillo, TX 79101
800-687-3722 • CalFarley.org

Orme School & Summer Camp of Arizona
Since 1929, educates youth in academics, leadership, horsemanship and sustainability.
1000 Orme Rd. Mayer, AZ 86333
928-632-7601 • OrmeSchool.org

Heritage Restaurants

Bisbee Breakfast Club
Converted glass factory is now a restaurant overlooking Lowell's Lavender copper mine.
75A Erie St. Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-5885 • BisbeeBreakfastClub.com

Bobcat Bite
This 1953 eatery has won critical acclaim for its 10-ounce freshly ground chuck and sirloin burgers.
418 Old Las Vegas Hwy. Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-983-5319 • BobcatBite.com

Bryan's Black Mountain Barbecue
Western classics are shown on the big screen while award-winning barbecue is served to diners.
6130 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-575-7155 • BryansBarbecue.com

Buckhorn Exchange
Since 1893, Denver's oldest restaurant has served up wild game and steak.
1000 Osage St. Denver, CO 80204
303-534-9505 • Buckhorn.com

Cattleman's Bar & Grill
Once the Santa Fe Buffet during prohibition, serving steak, BBQ, burgers and chili since 1910.
669 E. Sheldon St. Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-4300 • CattlemansBar.com

Cattlemen's Steakhouse
Continuously operating since 1910 and is known for its lamb fries and steak soup.
1309 S. Agnew Oklahoma City, OK 73108
405-236-0416 • CattlemensRestaurant.com

Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que
Select your own cut of meat from the giant pit; also available for catering.
604 W. Young St. Llano, TX 78643
325-247-5713 • CoopersBBQLlano.com

Deadwood Social Club
Above Saloon No. 10, Italian steakhouse offers handcrafted cuisine and signature cheesecakes.
657 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-952-9398 • Saloon10.com

El Corral Restaurant
Steaks, ribs, prime rib, tamale pie and adobe mud pie served up in a territorial ranch house.
2201 E. River Rd. Tucson, AZ 85718
520-299-6092 • ElCorralTucson.com

El Encanto Mexican Restaurants
Taste the flavors of Mexico, especially in the Chicken Mole and Sea Bass Vera Cruz.
1112 E. Carefree Hwy. Desert Hills, AZ 85085
623-780-5948 • ElEncantoRestaurants.com
6248 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-488-1752 • ElEncantoRestaurants.com

The Fort
Sells more buffalo steaks than any other independently-owned restaurant in the nation.
19192 Hwy. 8 Morrison, CO 80465
303-697-4771 • TheFort.com

Harold's Cave Creek Corral
Cowboys still hitch their horses in front of Cave Creek's Wild West restaurant, open since 1935.
6895 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-488-1906 • HaroldsCorral.com

Horny Toad
Western-themed restaurant known for its chicken fried steak and secret homemade BBQ sauce.
6738 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-488-9542 • TheHornyToad.com

Inman's Ranch House
Family owned restaurant since 1964 specializes in authentic pit BBQ and turkey sausage.
707 Sixth St. Marble Falls, TX 78654
830-693-2711

Judge Bean's BBQ & Steakhouse
Famous for its baby back ribs, brisket and smoked tamales and sausages.
7022 Church St. E. Brentwood, TN 37027
615-823-2280 • JudgeBeans.com

Lonesome Dove Western Bistro
Restaurant in historic Stockyards famous for chef Tim Love's roasted garlic-stuffed beef tenderloin.
2406 N. Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76164
817-740-8810 • LonesomeDoveBistro.com

Longhorn Restaurant
Tombstone's oldest, continuously-operating restaurant is known for its T-bone steaks.
501 E. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-3405

Meeker Café
An 1883 cafe that has served Billy the Kid, Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt, and Gary Cooper.
536 Main St. Meeker, CO 81641
970-878-5062 • TheMeekerHotel.com

Miner's Grubstake
A country convenience store that offers hearty breakfast and lunch selections.



BEST PROMOTION OF A HISTORIC PLACE

TexasTimeTravel.com

All of us Old West fanatics have spent many a day wishing we could hop in a time machine and head back to roam the frontier. The Texas Historical Commission may not be able to grant that wish, but it did invent a clever travel tool with *TexasTimeTravel.com*. Whether it's the Civil War or pioneers who catch your fancy, pick the time span you want to explore, and the website will recommend historic sites in Texas for you to visit. It's a clever and helpful tool us Old West fans appreciate.

25 N. Granier Atlantic City, WY 82520
307-332-0915 • MinersGrubstake.com

Mulberry's Wine & Cheese Bar
Features more than 150 wines, cheese and wine boards with an adjoining cigar lounge.
823 Main St. Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-9463 • MulberrysWineBar.com

O.K. Cafe
Delicious homemade foods, including the café's famous buffalo, ostrich and emu burgers.
220 E. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-3980

Owl Café
Best known for its green chili cheeseburgers, café offers diner-style burgers, fries and milkshakes.
800 Eubank Blvd. NE. Albuquerque, NM 87123
505-291-4900

Pinnacle Peak Patio
Since 1957, steakhouse and brewery known for its mesquite-broiled steaks and "no necktie policy."
10426 E. Jomax Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262
480-585-1599 • PPPatio.com

Rainbow Café
Established in 1893 and is Pendleton's oldest, continuously-operating restaurant and bar.
209 S. Main St. Pendleton, OR 97801
541-276-4120 • McGeeRainbow.com

Reata Pass Steakhouse
Since 1955, serves Angus beef signature steaks at an 1882 stage stop in the McDowell Mountains.
27500 N. Alma School Pkwy.
Scottsdale, AZ 85262
480-585-7277 • ReataPass.com

Reata Restaurants
Great cuts of beef straight from the cattle ranch operated by the restaurant owners.
310 Houston St. Fort Worth, TX 76102
817-336-1009 • Reata.net
203 N. 5th St. Alpine, TX 79830
432-837-9232 • Reata.net

Riscky's Barbeque
Since 1927, steakhouse known for its slow smoked barbeque hand-rubbed with "Riscky Dust."
140 E. Exchange Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76164
817-626-7777 • Risckys.com

Rock Springs Café
Since 1918, serving its famous pies and hearty meals where stage stopped during 1884-1917.
35769 S. Old Black Canyon Hwy.
Rock Springs, AZ 85324
623-374-5794 • RockSpringsCafe.com

Saugus Café
An 1887 café (originally in a depot), open 24-7, and a Hollywood breakfast hot spot since the 1950s.
25861 San Fernando Rd. Santa Clarita, CA 91350
661-259-7886 • SaugusCafe.com

Southside Market
Since 1882, Texas's oldest barbecue joint is famous for its Elgin Hot Sausage.
1212 Hwy. 290 E. Elgin, TX 78621
877-487-8015 • SouthsideMarket.com

The Virginian Restaurant
Serves buffalo steaks and named for 1902 classic by Owen Wister who mingled at the 1880 Occidental.
10 N. Main St. Buffalo, WY 82834
307-684-0451 • OccidentalWyoming.com

Tonto Bar & Grill
On the grounds of the former Rancho Mañana Ranch, fuses Southwestern and Native American ingredients.
5736 E. Rancho Manana Blvd.
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-488-0698 • TontoBarAndGrill.com

True Grit Café
Since 1985, specialties include rodeo burgers and steak, surrounded by John Wayne mementos.
123 N. Lena Ridgway, CO 81432
970-626-5739 • TrueGritCafe.com

Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's
Since 1959, serving steaks and seafood to Pendleton residents and hungry travelers.
137 S. Main St. Pendleton, OR 97801
541-276-7711

Wolf Restaurant
Since 1893, restored to original conditions to preserve this Old West restaurant and saloon.
101 E. Bridge St. Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-5525 • WolfHotel.com

Food Products

Chugwater Chili
Since 1986, makes award-winning, world-famous chili seasoning, spices and accessories.
210 1st St. Chugwater, WY 82210
800-972-4454 • ChugwaterChili.com

T-Bone Brands
Personalized branding irons to put your mark on that barbecued meal.
P.O. Box 5973 Scottsdale, AZ 85261
480-330-3619 • TBoneBrands.com

Heritage Saloons

Big Nose Kate's Saloon
This former 1881 hotel is now a saloon that pays tribute to Doc Holliday's girlfriend.
417 E. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-3107 • BigNoseKate.com

Bucket of Blood Saloon
Run by the McBrides since 1931, this 1876 saloon with Old West furnishings hosts period concerts.
1 South C St. Virginia City, NV 89440
775-847-0322 • BucketOfBloodSaloonVC.com

Buckhorn Saloon
The fully-restored 1881 saloon where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his Rough Riders.
318 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78205
210-247-4000 • BuckhornMuseum.com

Buffalo Chip Saloon
Western-themed saloon and steakhouse with live bull riding and Country Western dancing.
6811 E. Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-488-9118 • BuffaloChipSaloon.com

Crystal Palace Saloon
Re-creates the atmosphere of the 1879 Golden Eagle Brewery, dubbed the Crystal Palace in 1882.
436 E. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
520-457-3611 • CrystalPalaceSaloon.com

Diamond Belle Saloon
The honky-tonk music from this Strater Hotel saloon helped Louis L'Amour write his novels.
699 Main Ave. Durango, CO 81301
800-247-4431 • DiamondBelle.com

Genoa Bar & Saloon
Built in 1853, this bar is the celebrity hangout of singers Charlie Daniels and Willie Nelson.
2282 Main St. Genoa, NV 89411
775-782-3870 • GenoaBarAndSaloon.com

Glur's Tavern
Built in 1876, the oldest bar west of the Missouri, once frequented by Buffalo Bill Cody.
2301 11th St. Columbus, NE 68601
402-564-8615

Heinold's First and Last Chance Saloon
Established in 1883 and built out of timbers from a whaling ship; Jack London's old haunt.
48 Webster St. Oakland, CA 94607
510-839-6761 • HeinoldsFirstAndLastChance.com

High West Distillery & Saloon
Utah's first legal distillery since 1870 is in a livery stable and home built by 1889 carpenter Beggs.
703 Park Ave. Park City, UT 84060
435-649-8300 • HighWest.com

Jack Douglass Saloon
Established in 1857, this saloon in Columbia State Historic Park serves sarsaparilla, beer and wine.
22718 Main St. Columbia, CA 95310
209-533-4176 • ColumbiaCalifornia.com

Jersey Lilly Saloon
On Whiskey Row, saloon in 1877/1901 Palace Hotel has balcony views of Courthouse Square.
116 S. Montezuma St. Prescott, AZ 86303
928-541-7854 • JerseyLillySaloon.com

Laguna Vista Saloon
Dates to 1898, this saloon was originally called El Monte for the 1896 hotel, still open to guests.
51 E. Therma Dr. Eagle Nest, NM 87718
800-821-2093 • LagunaVistaLodge.com

Longhorn Saloon
Renovated 1947 saloon has Medina River frontage, Western music and Sunday horseback rides.
1307 Main St. Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-3600

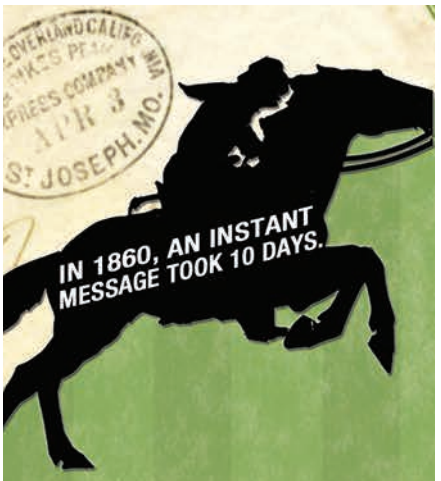
Million Dollar Cowboy Bar
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608 E. Main St. Hartville, WY 82215
307-836-2008

Minturn Saloon
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146 N. Main St. Minturn, CO 81645
970-827-5954 • MinturnSaloon.com

Montana Bar
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612 Main St. Miles City, MT 59301
406-234-5809

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120 S. Montezuma St. Prescott, AZ 86301
928-541-1996 • HistoricPalace.com

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205 Broadway St. Skagway, AK 99840
907-983-2414 • RedOnion1898.com

River City Saloon
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916 2nd St. Old Sacramento, CA 95814
916-443-6852 • TheRiverCitySaloon.com

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22801 Main St. Columbia, CA 95310
209-533-4656 • ColumbiaCalifornia.com

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657 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-952-9398 • Saloon10.com

Smiley's Schooner Saloon
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41 Wharf Rd. Bolinas, CA 94924
415-868-1311 • SmileysSaloon.com

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Dolly Steamboat
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P.O. Box 977 Apache Junction, AZ 85117
480-827-9144 • DollySteamboat.com

Historical Foundations

Concepts Foundation
Organizes million-dollar cowboy raffles that benefit U.S. military veterans and their families.
135 Paul Dr. San Rafael, CA 94901
415-526-7820 • CowboyRaffle.org

Defenders of the Black Hills
Volunteers working to preserve the land in the 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty territory.
P.O. Box 2003 Rapid City, SD 57709
605-399-1868 • DefendBlackHills.org

Evelyn Cameron Foundation
Preserves and exhibits photography by Evelyn Cameron, who documented frontier Montana.
P.O. Box 441 Terry, MT 59349
406-635-4966 • EvelynCameronHeritageInc.org

Former Texas Rangers Foundation
Preserves the history of the Texas law enforcement agency called to arms in 1823 and formally in 1835.
103 Industrial Loop Suite 700
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830-990-1192 • FormerTexasRangers.org

Happy Trails Children's Foundation
Charity founded by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans to aid abused and neglected children.
10755 Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308
760-240-3330 • HappyTrails.org

Ice Age Floods Institute
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CREHST 95 Lee Blvd. Richland, WA 99352
877-789-9935 • IAFI.org

Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Lewis & Clark Trail stewards offer a journal and research library devoted to the 1804-06 expedition.
P.O. Box 3434 Great Falls, MT 59403
888-701-3434 • LewisAndClark.org

National Park Foundation
Supports and promotes America's national park system with fund raising and grants.
1201 Eye St. NW Suite 550B
Washington, DC 20005
202-354-6460 • NationalParks.org

Prescott Western Heritage Foundation
Supports Prescott's Western heritage efforts and sponsored the town's first Heritage Days in 2010.
Prescott, AZ • 602-820-7472
PrescottWesternHeritageDay.org

Rasmuson Foundation
Founded in 1955, grants gifts to groups seeking to improve Alaskan quality of life.
301 W. Northern Lights Blvd. Suite 400
Anchorage, AK 99503
907-297-2700 • Rasmuson.org

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Preserves wildlife habitats across North America and funds research on elk and their habitat.
5705 Grant Creek Missoula, MT 59808
800-225-5355 • RMEF.org

Thunderbird Foundation for the Arts
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MM 84 Hwy. 89 Mt. Carmel, UT 84755
435-648-2653 • ThunderbirdFoundation.com

Willa Cather Foundation
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413 N. Webster St. Red Cloud, NE 68970
866-731-7304 • WillaCather.org

Zane Grey Cabin Foundation
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700 Green Valley Pkwy. Payson, AZ 85541
928-474-6115 • ZaneGreyCabin.org



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READER'S CHOICE: Santa Fe, NM

Historical Groups

101 Ranch Old Timers Assn.
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1609 Donald Ave. Ponca City, OK 74604
101RanchOTA.com

Academy of Western Artists
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P.O. Box 35 Gene Autry, OK 73436
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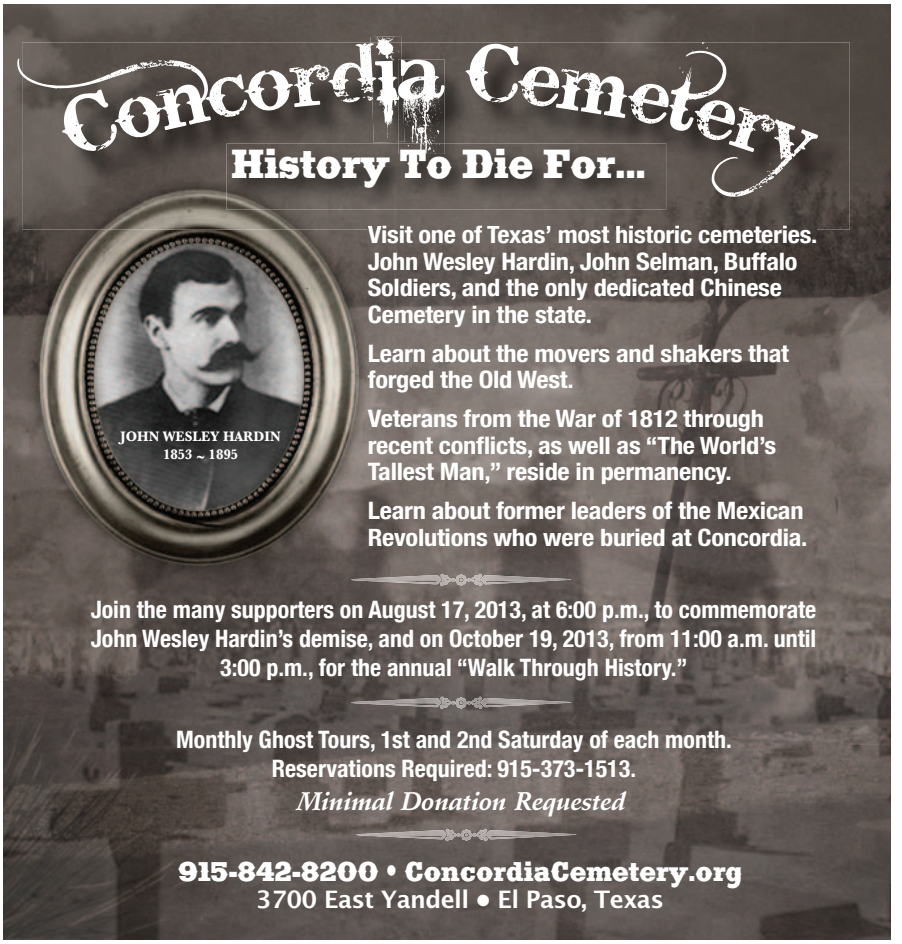
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P.O. Box 723 St. Michaels, AZ 86511
AIRCARodeo.com

American Indian College Fund
Raises scholarship funds and educational endowments for Indians attending tribal colleges.
8333 Greenwood Blvd. Denver, CO 80221
800-776-3863 • CollegeFund.org

Arizona Historical Society
Since 1864, preserves Arizona territorial history via its collections, publications and outreach.
949 E. 2nd St. Tucson, AZ 85719
520-628-5774 • ArizonaHistoricalSociety.org

Arizona Rangers
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21 E. Court St. Nogales, AZ 85621
888-855-5260 • AZRangers.us





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Boone and Crockett Club
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250 Station Dr. Missoula, MT 59801
406-542-1888 • Boone-Crockett.org

Buffalo Soldiers of the Arizona Territory
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P.O. Box 20883 Mesa, AZ 85277
480-415-5439
ArizonaBuffaloSoldiersMesaAZ.com

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1849 C St. NW Washington, DC 20240
866-468-7826 • BLM.gov

Cass County Historical Society
Preserves the history of Cass County, established in 1873, famous for its Bonanza Farms.
1351 Main Ave. W. West Fargo, ND 58078
701-282-2822 • Bonanzaville.com

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn.
Since 1964, this NRA-affiliated club promotes friendship and study among firearm collectors.
Centennial, CO • 720-482-0167 • CGCA.com

Cowboy Artists of America
Since 1965, invitation-only group of artists preserving traditions of Remington and Russell.
2114 W. Grant Suite 42 Tucson, AZ 85745
CowboyArtistsOfAmerica.com

Cowboy Fast Draw Assn.
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P.O. Box 5 Fernley, NV 89408
775-575-1802 • CowboyFastDraw.com

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Assn.
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2410 New Lewisburg Hwy. Columbia, TN 38401
888-960-0003 • CowboyMountedShooting.com

Deming Luna County Historical Society
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301 S. Silver Ave. Deming, NM 88030
575-546-2382
LunaCountyHistoricalSociety.com

Dickinson County Historical Society
Preserves the history of Dickinson County by operating a research heritage center.
412 S. Campbell Abilene, KS 67410
785-263-2681 • HeritageCenterDK.com

Dude Ranchers' Educational Trust & Heritage Center
Educates and preserves dude ranching history through archives and exhibits.
1122 12th St. Cody, WY 82414
307-587-2339 • DudeRanchHistory.com

Ellis County Historical Society
Preserves the history of Ellis County and works to protect local historical sites and buildings.
100 W. 7th St. Hays, KS 67601
785-628-2624
EllisCountyHistoricalMuseum.org

Florence Main Street
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520-868-4496 • FlorenceMainStreet.com

Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society
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P.O. Box 14 Silver City, NM 88062
307-640-3012 • FortBayard.org

Fort Sedgwick Historical Society
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114 E. 1st St. Julesburg, CO 80737
970-474-2061 • KCI.net/~history

Friends of the Little Big Horn Battlefield
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P.O. Box 636 Crow Agency, MT 59022
FriendsLittleBigHorn.com

Frontier Historical Society
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Custer's Last Stand • Hardin, MT • CustersLastStand.org

Fulton County Historical Society
Preserves fur trade and Indian Wars history through events and the living-history village Loyal.
37 E. 375 N. Rochester, IN 46975
574-223-4436 • FultonCountyHistory.org

Hawaii Women's Rodeo Assn.
Since 1992, preserves Paniolo culture by organizing rodeo competitions for Hawaiian cowgirls.
Oahu, HI • 808-696-5055 • RodeoOahu.com

Heritage Trail Partners
Dedicated to the recognition of Old West trails, including the Butterfield Trail and Trail of Tears.
P.O. Box 4157 Fayetteville, AR 72702
479-587-9944 • HeritageTrailPartners.com

History Colorado
Since 1879, preserves Colorado history via 12 historic sites and museums, and programs.
1200 Broadway Denver, CO 80203
303-447-8679 • HistoryColorado.org

Indian Arts & Crafts Board
Expands Indian arts and crafts markets for American Indian and Alaska natives.
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C St. NW MS 2528-MIB
Washington, DC 20240
888-278-3253 • DOI.gov/iacb

Kansas Historical Society
Manages 16 state historic sites and conducts tours at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka.
6425 SW 6th Ave. Topeka, KS 66615
785-272-8681 • KSHS.org

Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society
Examines the life of the acclaimed author and her books on the history of the American West.
P.O. Box 426 De Smet, SD 57231
800-880-3383 • LIWMS.com

Lecompton Historical Society
Leads tours of 1854 town's pre-Civil War sites, territorial capital museum and Constitution Hall.
640 E. Woodson Ave. Lecompton, KS 66050
785-887-6285 • LecomptonKansas.com

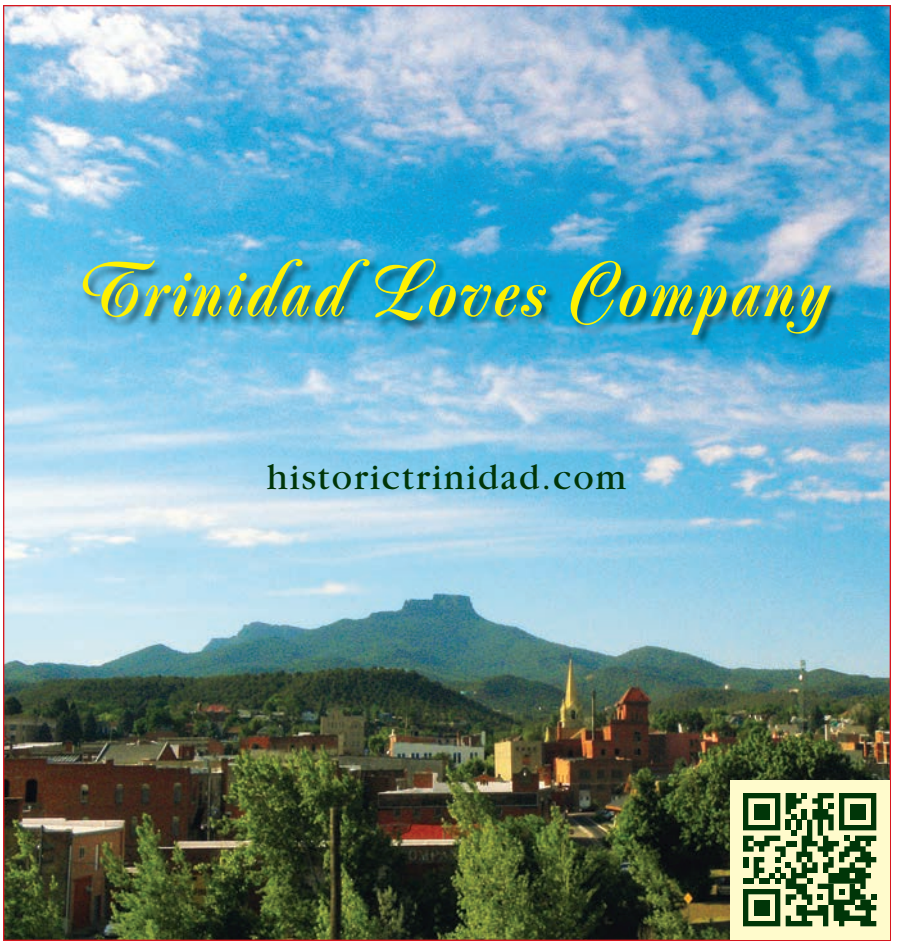
Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse
Mounted law enforcement reserve unit supports, manages and participates in heritage events.
Capitan, NM • 575-336-2508
LincolnCountySheriffsPosse.org

Meade County Historical Society
Preserves historical records for Meade County and operates the history museum.
200 E. Carthage St. Meade, KS 67864
620-873-2359 • OldMeadeCounty.com

Minnesota Historical Society
Since 1849, this society has been the chief caretaker of Minnesota's history.
345 W. Kellogg Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000 • www.MNHS.org

Montana Heritage Commission
Manages gold mining towns Virginia City and Nevada City and 1872 Reeder's Alley.
101 Reeder's Alley Helena, MT 59601
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6820 University Ave. Suite 234
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-277-6839 • NCOWS.org

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210 N. Douglas Ellsworth, KS 67439
785-472-4670 • NationalDrovers.com

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2033 Walla Walla Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-4402 • CollegeRodeo.com

Nat'l Little Britches Rodeo Assn.
Promotes the sport of rodeo for children ages 5-17 through education and competitions.
5050 Edison Ave. Suite 105
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
800-763-3694 • NLBRA.org

Nat'l Railway Historical Society
Educates individuals about the evolution of the railroad industry and its influence on history.
100 N. 20th St. Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-557-6606 • NRHS.com

National Rifle Association
Educates individuals about safe, effective firearm use and ownership in the United States.
11250 Waples Mill Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030
800-672-3888 • NRA.org

National Wildlife Federation
Preserves American wildlife and wildlife habitats through education and media publication.
11100 Wildlife Center Dr. Reston, VA 20190
800-822-9919 • NWF.org

Nez Perce County Historical Society
Preserves and exhibits the art, history and culture of Nez Perce County.
306 Third St. Lewiston, ID 83501
208-743-2535 • NPCHistSoc.org

Northern Gila County Historical Society
Collects and exhibits artifacts pertaining to the history of Payson and the surrounding region.
P.O. Box 2532 Payson, AZ 85547
928-474-3483 • RimCountryMuseums.com

Northfield Historical Society
Preserves the history of Northfield via a museum, Defeat of Jesse James festival and historic sites.
408 Division St. Northfield, MN 55057
507-645-9268 • NorthfieldHistory.org

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Assn.
Represents interests of cattlemen at Oklahoma Legislature and offers education on beef industry.
2500 Exchange Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73108
405-235-4391 • OKCattlemen.org

Oregon-California Trails Assn.
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524 S. Osage St. Independence, MO 64051
888-811-6282 • OCTA-Trails.org

Oregon Historical Society
Maintains museums and libraries through books and artifacts dedicated to Oregon's history.
1200 SW Park Ave. Portland, OR 97205
503-222-1741 • OHS.org

Partners in Preservation of Lincoln State Monument
Organizes volunteers to support Lincoln monument, former stomping ground of outlaw Billy the Kid.
P.O. Box 15 Lincoln, NM 88338
NMMonuments.org

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101 Pro Rodeo Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80919
800-234-7722 • ProRodeo.com

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society
Since 1921, provides information on steam and diesel locomotives, and vintage railroads.
P.O. Box 62698 Colorado Springs, CO 80962
RLHS.org

Saline Preservation Assn.
Since 2003, promotes historic preservation within the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.
P.O. Box 53 Pryor, OK 74362
918-640-9690 • SalineCourthouse.net

Sheridan Heritage Center
Since 1983, interprets historic properties in Sheridan, most notably the home of Buffalo Bill.
856 Broadway St. Sheridan, WY 82801
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Single Action Shooting Society
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South Dakota State Historical Society
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900 Governors Dr. Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-3458 • History.SD.gov

Southwestern Oklahoma Historical Society
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P.O. Box 3693 Lawton, OK 73502
580-248-7762

Texas State Historical Assn.
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1400 W. Highland St. Denton, TX 76201
940-369-5200 • TSHAOnline.org

Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation
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301 Fifth St. Medora, ND 58645
800-633-6721 • Medora.org

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Assn.
Administers Theodore Roosevelt park, Knife River villages and wildlife and game preserves.
P.O. Box 167 Medora, ND 58645
701-623-4884 • TRNHA.org

True West Preservation Society
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6702 E. Cave Creek Rd. Suite 5
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
877-687-1881 • PreserveTheWest.com

U.S. Cavalry Assn.
Since 1976, preserves the history, equipment, literature and traditions of the U.S. cavalry.
P.O. Box 2325 Fort Riley, KS 66442
785-784-5797 • USCavalry.org

Western Art Assn.
Since 1972, supports the arts in Kittitas County via its art gallery and various sponsored events.
416 N. Pearl St. Ellensburg, WA 98926
509-962-2934 • WesternArtAssociation.org

Western History Assn.
Since 1961, promotes the research and study of Western history in North America.
Univ. of MO 152C University Center
One Univ. Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63121
314-516-7282 • WesternHistoryAssociation.org

Western Music Assn.
Preserves traditional and contemporary Western music and dance, and presents annual awards.
P.O. Box 648 Coppell, TX 75019
505-563-0673 • WesternMusic.org

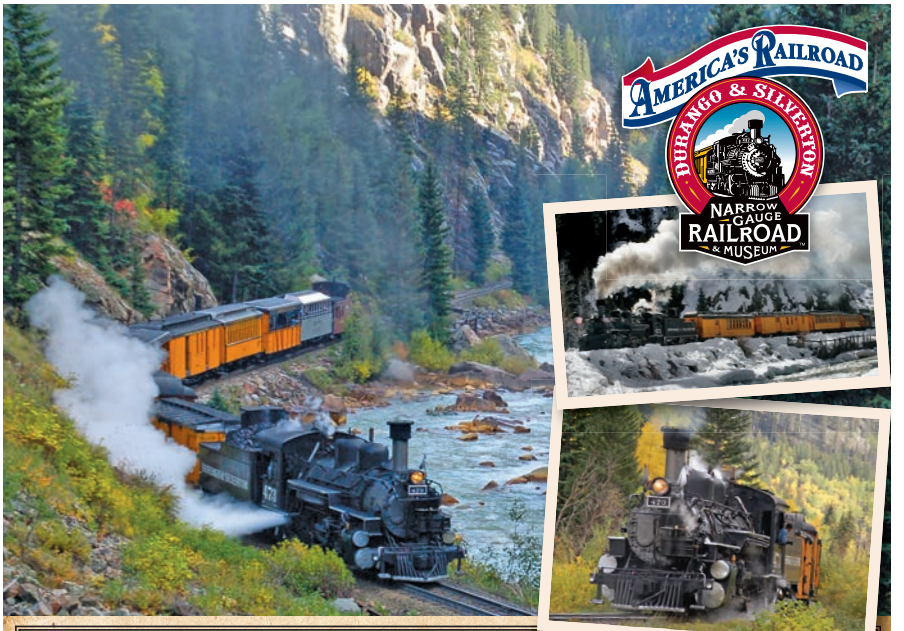
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431 S. Cascade Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-447-4627 • WPRA.com

Working Ranch Cowboys Assn.
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806-374-9722 • WRCA.org

Historical Re-Enactors

1838 Rendezvous Association
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P.O. Box 1838 Riverton, WY 82501
1838Rendezvous.com

American Frontier Re-enactment Guild
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29737 Pleasant Valley Rd. Paola, KS 66071
913-557-4459
www.WheelerJobin.com/Clients/AFOWR

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P.O. Box 20308 Mesa, AZ 85277
480-986-1800 • ArizonaGunfighters.com

Ghost Riders
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Tulsa, OK • GhostRiders.org

The Gunfighters
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817-337-1882 • TheGunfighters.com

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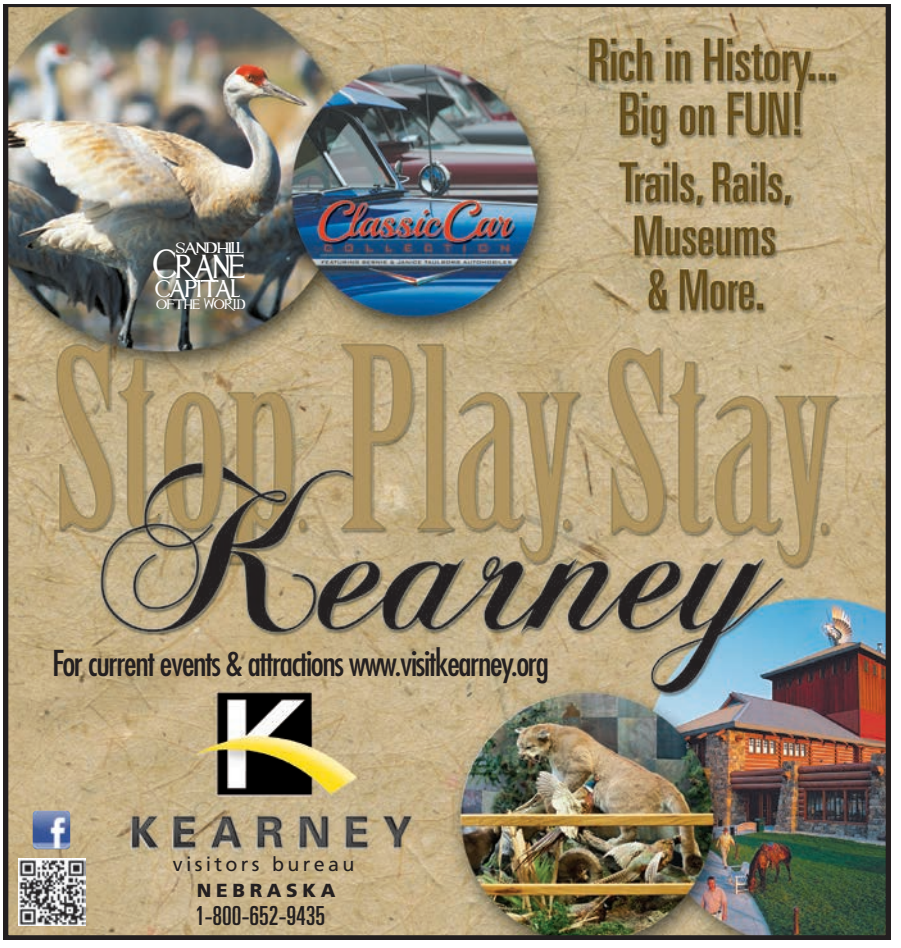
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Museums:

Art

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888-254-2787 • Albrecht-Kemper.org

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2000 Mountain Rd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87104
800-659-8331 • CABQ.gov/museum

Amon Carter Museum
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3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. Fort Worth, TX 76107
817-738-1933 • CarterMuseum.org

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150 E. Main St. Trinidad, CO 81082
719-846-4224 • ARMitchell.org

Booth Western Art Museum
Showcases historic and contemporary art, including movie posters and Western illustrations.
501 Museum Dr. Cartersville, GA 30120
770-387-1300 • BoothMuseum.org

Bradford Brinton Memorial & Museum
Indian and Western art collections housed in Brinton's fully-furnished ranch home.
239 Brinton Rd. Big Horn, WY 82833
307-672-3173 • BradfordBrintonMemorial.com

Clymer Museum & Gallery
Showcases Old West frontier history and wildlife art by painter and illustrator John Ford Clymer.
416 N. Pearl St. Ellensburg, WA 98926
509-962-6416 • ClymerMuseum.com

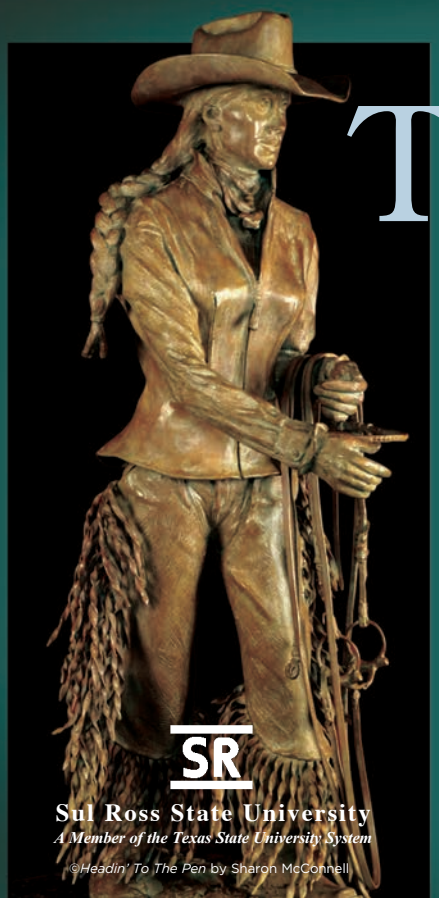
C.M. Russell Museum
World's most complete collection of the 1864-1926 cowboy artist's works and personal objects.
400 13th St. N. Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8787 • CMRussell.org

Custer County Art & Heritage Center
Showcases Western and local art and offers workshops and historical lectures.
85 Waterplant Rd. Miles City, MT 59301
406-234-0635 • CCAC.MilesCity.org

Denver Art Museum
Features historical Western art before 1950, like Frederic Remington's bronze *The Cheyenne.*
100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204
720-865-5000 • DenverArtMuseum.org

Desert Caballeros Western Museum
Displays two centuries of Western art, including works by Catlin, Russell and Remington.
21 N. Frontier St. Wickenburg, AZ 85390
928-684-2272 • WesternMuseum.org

Fred Harman Art Museum
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1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd. Tulsa, OK 74127
888-655-2278 • Gilcrease.org

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115 Hwy. 24 Hulett, WY 82720
307-467-5292 • HulettMuseum.org

Maryhill Museum of Art
Displays ancient petroglyphs, baskets and beadwork from Pacific Northwest tribes.
35 Maryhill Museum Dr. Goldendale, WA 98620
509-773-3733 • MaryHillMuseum.org

Museum of Indian Arts & Culture
Presents the history of Apache, Navajo and Pueblo tribes through prehistoric and modern art.
710 Camino Lejo Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-476-1250 • IndianArtsAndCulture.org

Museum of International Folk Art
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706 Camino Lejo Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-476-1200 • InternationalFolkArt.org

Museum of the Southwest
Primarily a Southwestern art museum, but also features a children's museum and planetarium.
1705 W. Missouri Ave. Midland, TX 79701
432-683-2882 • MuseumSW.org

Museum of Western Art
Showcases pieces from its 5,000-volume collection of American West art and history.
1550 Bandera Hwy. Kerrville, TX 78028
830-896-2553 • MuseumOfWesternArt.org

National Museum of Wildlife Art
A study of human history and culture through exhibits focused on artwork depicting wildlife.
2820 Rungius Rd. Jackson Hole, WY 83001
800-313-9553 • WildlifeArt.org

New Mexico Museum of Art
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107 W. Palace Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-476-5072 • NMArtMuseum.org

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101 Shenandoah Ave. Roanoke, VA 24016
540-982-5465 • LinkMuseum.org

Olaf Wieghorst Museum & Western Heritage Center
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131 Rea Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020
619-590-3431 • WieghorstMuseum.org

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3100 W. Collin St. Corsicana, TX 75110
903-875-7642 • PearceCollections.us

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4701 Hwy. 89 N. Prescott, AZ 86301
928-778-1385 • PhippenArtMuseum.org

Phoenix Art Museum
Western art collection includes Henry Cheever Pratt's 1855 painting of Arizona's Rio Gila basin.
1625 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-257-1222 • PhxArt.org



Rockwell Museum of Western Art
Western and American Indian art collection boasts works by Frederic Remington and Charlie Russell.
111 Cedar St. Corning, NY 14830
607-937-5386 • RockwellMuseum.org

Sid Richardson Museum
Exhibits more than 100 works by master Western artists from Remington to Russell.
309 Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76102
888-332-6554 • SidRMuseum.org

Stark Museum of Art
American Western art collection includes works by Alfred Jacob Miller and Taos Society of Artists.
712 Green Ave. Orange, TX 77630
409-886-2787 • StarkMuseum.org

Tucson Museum of Art
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140 N. Main Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701
520-624-2333 • TucsonMuseumOfArt.org

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22402 S. Basha Rd. Chandler, AZ 85248
480-895-5230 • Bashas.com/gallery

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American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum
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2601 E. I-40 Amarillo, TX 79104
806-376-5181 • AQHHallOfFame.com

Appaloosa Museum
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2720 W. Pullman Rd. Moscow, ID 83843
202-882-5578 • AppaloosaMuseum.org

Casey Tibbs S.D. Rodeo Center
Named for six-time saddle bronc champion Casey Tibbs and devoted to rodeo in South Dakota.
210 Verendrye Dr. Fort Pierre, SD 57532
605-494-1094 • CaseyTibbs.com

Cattle Raisers Museum
Shares the heritage of the livestock industry through educational programs and exhibits.
1600 Gendy St. Fort Worth, TX 76107
817-332-8551 • CattleRaisersMuseum.org

Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum
Traces the history of the 1897 outdoor rodeo and exhibits horse-drawn wagons and Western art.
4610 Carey Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-778-7290 • OldWestMuseum.org

Days of '76 Museum
Exhibits Days of '76 rodeo's horse-drawn parade vehicles and artifacts collected since 1924.
18 76th Dr. Deadwood, SD 57732
605-578-2872 • DaysOf76Museum.com

Kenedy Ranch Museum of South Texas
Tells the story of the Kenedy Family and the Kenedys' impact on the Wild Horse Desert.
200 E. La Parra Ave. Sarita, TX 78385
361-294-5751• KenedyMuseum.org

King Ranch Museum
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405 N. 6th St. Kingsville, TX 78363
361-595-1881 • King-Ranch.com

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
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3400 Mount Vernon Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76103
817-534-8801 • CowboysOfColor.org

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3121 Fourth St. Lubbock, TX 79409
806-742-0498 • www.Depts.TTU.edu/ranchhc

Nelson Museum of the West
Largely focuses on rodeo, cowboy and Indian artifacts, and also has a military in the West display.
1714 Carey Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82001
307-635-7670 • NelsonMuseum.com

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
An interactive museum sharing the 3,000-year history of ranching and farming in New Mexico.
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250 Main St. Medora, ND 58645
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101 ProRodeo Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80919
719-528-4764 • ProRodeoHallOfFame.com

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
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128 E. Exchange Ave. Historic Barn A
Fort Worth, TX 76164
817-626-7131 • TexasCowboyHallOfFame.com

Woolaroc Museum
Ranch of oilman Frank Phillips exhibits Western art, Indian artifacts and Colt firearms.
1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd. Bartlesville, OK 74003
888-966-5276 • Woolaroc.org

Museums: Film, Literature & Music

Birthplace of John Wayne
A tribute to the Duke featuring John Wayne movie memorabilia in his boyhood home.
216 S. 2nd St. Winterset, IA 50273
877-462-1044 • JohnWayneBirthplace.org

Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum
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222 Fifth Ave. S. Nashville, TN 37203
615-416-2001 • CountryMusicHallOfFame.com

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47 Prairie St. Gene Autry, OK 73436
580-294-3047 • GeneAutryOKMuseum.com

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3068 Hwy. A Mansfield, MO 65704
877-924-7126 • LauraIngallsWilderHome.com

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330 8th St. Walnut Grove, MN 56180
800-528-7280 • WalnutGrove.org

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Home where author lived as a child in 1876 preserves memories of her life and stories.
3603 236th Ave. Burr Oak, IA 52101
563-735-5916 • LauraIngallsWilder.us

Little House on the Prairie
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Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Ctr.
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1000 Main St. Chadron, NE 69337
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Pioneer Music Museum
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650 Main St. Anita, IA 50020
712-762-4363 • NTCMA.net

Rex Allen Museum
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150 N. Railroad Ave. Willcox, AZ 85643
877-234-4111 • RexAllenMuseum.org

Tom Mix Museum
Displays items from the personal collection of the silent film Westerns actor, Tom Mix.
721 N. Delaware St. Dewey, OK 74029
918-534-1555 • TomMixMuseum.com

Will Rogers Memorial Museum
Two museums dedicated to the famous cowboy actor and personality of early Western films.
1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd. Claremore, OK 74017
800-324-9455 • WillRogers.com

Wittliff Collections
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(Texas State Univ) 601 University Dr.
San Marcos, TX 78666 • 512-245-2313
TheWittliffCollections.TXState.edu

Museums: Firearms History

J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum
Houses John Monroe Davis's firearms, said to be the largest private collection on exhibit.
330 N. J.M. Davis Blvd. Claremore, OK 74017
918-341-5707 • TheGunMuseum.com

Museums: Fur Trade History

Museum of the Fur Trade
Explores the impact of the fur trade on early American history and culture.
6321 Hwy. 20 Chadron, NE 69337
308-432-3843 • FurTrade.org

Museum of the Mountain Man
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700 E. Hennick St. Pinedale, WY 82941
877-686-6266 • MuseumOfTheMountainMan.com

Museums: Indian History

Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Ctr.
Exhibits artifacts and artwork from the Sioux Indians of the Northern Plains.
1301 N. Main St. Chamberlain, SD 57325
800-798-3452 • AktaLakota.org

Cherokee Heritage Center
Trail of Tears exhibit and buildings that represent daily life in the 1890's Cherokee Nation.
21192 S. Keeler Dr. Park Hill, OK 74451
888-999-6007 • CherokeeHeritage.org

Cherokee Nat'l Prison Museum
Showcases the only penitentiary in Indian Territory, which housed prisoners from 1875 to 1901.
Choctaw and Water Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464
877-779-6977 • CherokeeTourismOK.com

Cherokee Nat'l Supreme Court Museum
Built in 1844, promotes the Cherokee judicial system, publications and language.
122 E. Keetoowah St. Tahlequah, OK 74464
877-779-6977 • CherokeeTourismOK.com

Comanche National Museum & Cultural Center
Since 2007, exhibits traditional Comanche cultural objects, history and art on exhibit.

701 NW Ferris Ave. Lawton, OK 73507
580-353-0404• ComancheMuseum.com

Crow Canyon Archaeological Ctr.
Since 1983, offers hands-on experiences of Ancestral Puebloan history and culture.
23390 Road K Cortez, CO 81321
800-422-8975 • CrowCanyon.org

Favell Museum
Since 1972, preserves American Indian artifacts and offers exhibits on contemporary Western art.
125 W. Main St. Klamath Falls, OR 97601
541-882-9996 • FavellMuseum.org

Heard Museum
Since 1929, collections and exhibits pertain to the native cultures of the American Southwest.
2301 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004
602-252-8848 • Heard.org

Indian Museum of North America
American Indian cultures are preserved through tribal flags, photographs and artifacts.
12151 Ave. of the Chiefs Crazy Horse, SD 57730
605-673-4681 • CrazyHorseMemorial.org

Koshare Indian Museum
Built by Boy Scouts in 1949, showcases art, culture and dances from the Koshare Indians.
115 W. 18th St. La Junta, CO 81050
719-384-4411 • Koshare.org

Museum of the Plains Indian
Since 1941, displays historic clothing, gear, weapons and art of Northern Plains tribal people.
U.S. 89 & U.S. 2 Browning, MT 59417
406-338-2230 • DOI.gov/iacb

Pueblo Grande Museum
Explore ruins left behind by the Hohokam tribe and visit kid's "Hands on Archaeology" exhibits.
4619 E. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85034
877-706-4408 • PuebloGrande.com

Salmon Ruins Museum
Exhibits artifacts found at the site as well as rotating exhibits of the Four Corners area.
6131 Hwy. 64 Bloomfield, NM 87413
505-632-2013 • SalmonRuins.com

Sioux Indian Museum
Displays historic clothing, horse gear, weapons, household implements, cradleboards and toys.
222 New York St. Rapid City, SD 57701
605-394-2381 • DOI.gov/iacb

Smoki Museum
Since 1935, showcases pottery, baskets and art from Prescott's indigenous Indian cultures.
147 N. Arizona Ave. Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-1230 • SmokiMuseum.org

Southern Plains Indian Museum
Shares culture and history of this western Oklahoma tribe via art displays and artifacts.
715 E. Central Blvd. Anadarko, OK 73005
405-247-6221 • DOI.gov/iacb

Southern Ute Cultural Ctr. & Museum
Shares Southern Ute history, culture and tradition via artifact exhibits and heritage events.
77 County Rd. Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-9583 • SouthernUteMuseum.org

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute
Since 1998, interpretive center for the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes.
47106 Wildhorse Blvd. Pendleton, OR 97801
541-966-9748 • Tamastslikt.org

Ute Indian Museum
This original homestead of Chief Ouray has his wife Chipeta's crypt and Ute artifacts.
17253 Chipeta Rd. Montrose, CO 81401
970-249-3098 • HistoryColorado.org

Museums: Military/Law Enforcement

Alamo Museum
Pays tribute to the Texan defenders who fought Gen. Santa Anna and his Mexican army in 1836.
300 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX 78205
210-225-1391 • TheAlamo.org

Buffalo Soldiers National Museum
Tells the history of the all-black Army units formed in 1866 through artifacts and videos.
1834 Southmore Blvd. Houston, TX 77004
713-942-8920 • BuffaloSoldierMuseum.com

Custer Battlefield Museum
On the site of the Bighorn battle and offers artifacts and art related to Custer's "Last Stand."
P.O. Box 200 Garryowen, MT 59031
406-638-1876 • CusterMuseum.org

Museum of the Horse Soldier
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6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd. Tucson, AZ 85715
520-722-2706 • HorseSoldierMuseum.com

Old Montana Prison Museum
This inmate-built prison, est. in 1871, was home to at least one of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch.
1106 Main St. Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111 • PCMAF.org

Texas Prison Museum
Texas prison artifacts, such as Old Sparky, inmate crafts and Bonnie and Clyde items.
491 Hwy. 75N Huntsville, TX 77320
936-295-2155 • TXPrisonMuseum.org

Texas Ranger H.O.F. & Museum
Official historical center on the Texas Rangers also offers a genealogical research center.
100 Texas Ranger Trail Waco, TX 76706
254-750-8631 • TexasRanger.org

Texas Ranger Museum
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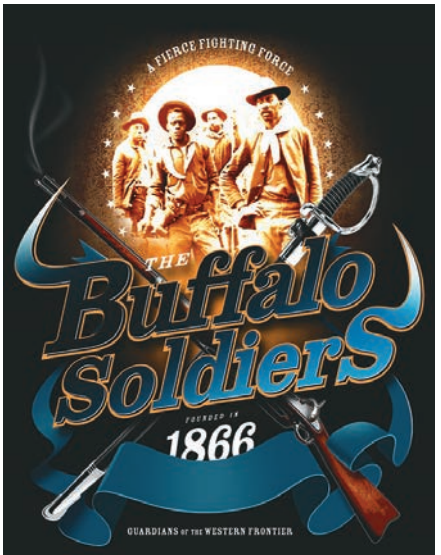
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307-745-6161• WyomingTerritorialPrison.com

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Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum
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5 Copper Queen Plaza Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-7071 • BisbeeMuseum.org

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719-486-1229 • MiningHallOfFame.org

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318 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78205
210-247-4000 • BuckhornMuseum.com

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907 W. Ramshorn St. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-3429 • Bighorn.org

National Buffalo Museum
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500 17th St. SE Jamestown, ND 58401
800-807-1511 • NationalBuffaloMuseum.com

Ruth Bancroft Garden
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1552 Bancroft Rd. Walnut Creek, CA 94598
952-944-9352 • RuthBancroftGarden.org

Tatanka: Story of the Bison
Kevin Costner's site shares story of American Indians and the dwindling bison population.
Hwy. 85 Deadwood, SD 57732
605-584-5678 • StoryOfTheBison.com

Tate Geological Museum
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125 College Dr. Casper, WY 82601
307-268-2447 • CasperCollege.edu/Tate

USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum
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155 E. Main St. Price, UT 84501
800-817-9949 • Museum.CEU.edu

Museums:
People of the West

Billy the Kid Museum (Ft. Sumner)
Exhibits outlaw Billy the Kid's rifle, chaps, spurs and the original "Wanted" poster.
1435 E. Sumner Ave. Fort Sumner, NM 88119
575-355-2380 • BillyTheKidMuseumFortSumner.com

Billy the Kid Museum (Hico)
Museum dedicated to Brushy Bill Roberts, who claimed to be the real Billy the Kid.
114 N. Pecan St. Hico, TX 76457
254-796-2523 • BillyTheKidMuseum.com

Buffalo Bill Museum & Grave
Dedicated to the Wild West show entertainer, and built near his grave on Lookout Mountain.
987 ½ Lookout Mountain Rd. Golden, CO 80401
303-526-0744 • BuffaloBill.org

Byers-Evans House Museum
Shares the history of two Denver pioneer families in the 1883 Byers home.
1310 Bannock St. Denver, CO 80204
303-620-4933 • HistoryColorado.org

Crockett Tavern Museum
Tours relate David Crockett family history on boyhood home site in reconstructed 1790s tavern.
2002 Morningside Dr. Morristown, TN 37814
423-587-9900 • DiscoverET.org/crockett

Dalton Defenders Museum
Houses guns, saddles and the original First National Bank doors from the 1892 Dalton Raid.
113 E. Eighth St. Coffeyville, KS 67337
800-626-3357 • DaltonDefendersMuseum.com

Dalton Gang Hideout
This former home of infamous bandits preserves their escape tunnel and Old West artifacts.
502 S. Pearlette St. Meade, KS 67864
800-354-2743 • OldMeadeCounty.com

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200 SE 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410
877-746-4453 • Eisenhower.Archives.gov

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A collection of period furnishings, outlaw Jesse James items and his 1882 tombstone.
21216 James Farm Rd. Kearney, MO 64068
816-736-8500 • JesseJames.org

Jesse James Home Museum
Exhibits on the 1995 exhumation of the outlaw in his home where he was killed in 1882.
1202 Penn St. St. Joseph, MO 64503
816-232-8206 • PonyExpressJesseJames.com

Kit Carson Home & Museum
Historic adobe offers exhibits about the frontiersman and his influence on New Mexico.
113 Kit Carson Rd. Taos, NM 87571
505-758-4945 • KitCarsonHomeAndMuseum.com

Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum
Find out where the stories started at the 1844-53 home of the boy who became famous as Mark Twain.
120 N. Main St. Hannibal, MO 63401
573-221-9010 • MarkTwainMuseum.org



BEST HISTORIC CEMETERY

Concordia Cemetery

Backdropped by the Franklin Mountains of Texas, El Paso's Concordia continues to be the best cemetery in the West. The most famous eternal resident is gunfighter John Wesley Hardin; he's joined by the man who killed him in 1895, John Selman. Buffalo soldiers, Chinese rail laborers, a former Mexican Revolution president and over 60,000 others are also laid to rest here. Ghost tours, meetings of the John Wesley Hardin Secret Society and other special events take place throughout the year. Even NPR paid a visit last year for a *Morning Edition* feature.

READER'S CHOICE:
Boot Hill • Tombstone, AZ •
BootHillGraves.com

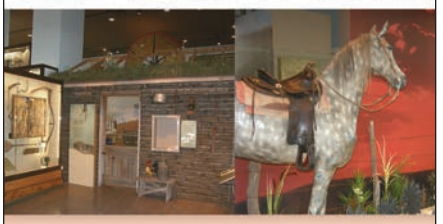








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1340 Pennsylvania St. Denver, CO 80203
303-832-4092 • MollyBrown.org

Old Fort Sumner Museum
Home to coroner's report for Billy the Kid and his gravesite with pals Folliard and Bowdre.
3501 Billy the Kid Rd. Fort Sumner, NM 88119
575-355-2380 • BillyTheKidsGravesite.com

Pawnee Bill Ranch & Museum
Tour the mansion and ranch buildings owned by Wild West entertainer Pawnee Bill in 1910.
1141 Pawnee Bill Rd. Pawnee, OK 74058
918-762-2513 • PawneeBillRanch.com

Sacajawea Center
In Sacajawea's homeland, view exhibits on the Shoshone guide's role in Lewis & Clark expedition.
200 Main St. Salmon, ID 83467
208-756-1222 • SacajaweaCenter.org



BEST PRESERVED HISTORIC FORT

Fort Laramie

Frontier military enthusiasts get a kick out of this fort. Founded in 1834 as a fur trading post, the fort was an Oregon Trail stopping point and was active during the Civil, Bozeman and Great Sioux Wars. Parts of its remaining structures have been restored and still stand strong today in Goshen, Wyoming. Its exhibits reveal what life was like when the largest military post on the Northern Plains was active.

READER'S CHOICE: Fort Laramie • Fort Laramie, WY • NPS.gov

Museums:
Pioneer Towns

American West Heritage Center
A 160-acre site that includes a pioneer town, encampment, farm and mountain man camp.
4025 S. Hwy. 89-91 Wellsville, UT 84339
800-225-3378 • AWHC.org

Bonanzaville, USA
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1351 Main Ave. W. West Fargo, ND 58078
701-282-2822 • Bonanzaville.com

Boot Hill Museum
Reconstructed Front Street buildings exhibit hundreds of artifacts and preserve life in 1876.
500 Front St. Dodge City, KS 67801
620-227-8188 • BootHill.org

Buffalo Gap Historic Village
Re-created Texas frontier town shares history of the Buffalo Gap region from 1875 to 1925.
133 N. William St. Buffalo Gap, TX 79508
325-572-3365 • BuffaloGap.com

Dallas Heritage Village
Depicts life of Texans from 1840-1910 through artifact exhibits and 38 historical buildings.
1515 S. Harwood St. Dallas, TX 75215
214-421-5141 • DallasHeritageVillage.org

Harold Warp Pioneer Village
Features over 50,000 pieces of Americana from as early as 1830 in 26 buildings within 20 acres.
138 E. Highway 6 Minden, NE 68959
800-445-4447 • PioneerVillage.org

Heritage Farmstead Museum
Since 1986, this 1891 homestead shares Blackland Prairie farm history from 1890-1920.
1900 W. 15th St. Plano, TX 75075
972-881-0140 • HeritageFarmstead.org

Heritage Square Museum
Living history museum shares the lives of southern Californians at the close of the 19th century and on.
3800 Homer St. Los Angeles, CA 90031
323-225-2700 • HeritageSquare.org

Kansas's Old Cowtown Museum
A historic Western cattle town is brought to life through re-enactment and interactive education.
1865 W. Museum Blvd. Wichita, KS 67203
316-219-1871 • OldCowtown.org

Old Trail Town
An 1890s frontier town in Cody preserves 26 buildings and thousands of Old West artifacts.
1831 Demaris Dr. Cody, WY 82414
307-587-5302 • OldTrailTown.org

Pioneer Living History Village
Shares Territorial Arizona in 1870s-90s buildings, authentic and replicas, covering 90 acres.
3901 W. Pioneer Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85086
623-465-1052 • PioneerAZ.org

Prairie Song Village
Re-creates pioneer life of the 1800's in former Indian Territory of present-day Oklahoma.
402621 W. 1600 Rd. Dewey, OK 74029
918-534-2662 • PrairieSong.net

Rawhide Western Town
An 1880s Western-themed town complex with stunt shows, attractions, rides and shopping.
5700 W. North Loop Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226
480-502-5600 • Rawhide.com

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer
A re-created 1890s Nebraska prairie town and pioneer artifacts share 1840s-1920 settlement era.
3133 W. Hwy. 34 Grand Island, NE 68801
308-385-5316 • StuhrMuseum.org

Trail Dust Town
Old West town movie set features specialty shops, shooting gallery and Wild West stunt shows.
6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd. Tucson, AZ 85715
520-296-4551 • TrailDustTown.com

Whitehorse Ranch
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56753 Garrison Ln. Landers, CA 92285
760-902-1615 • WhitehorseRanch.com

Wild West Junction
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321 E. Route 66 Williams, AZ 86046
928-635-4512 • WildWestJunction.com

Museums:
Regional History

Adams Museum
Oldest history museum in the Black Hills, est. 1930, interprets the history of Deadwood.
54 Sherman St. Deadwood, SD 57732
605-578-1714 • AdamsMuseumAndHouse.org

Animas Museum
Focuses on La Plata County history and culture, featuring Puebloan pottery and a 1905 classroom.
3065 W. 2nd Ave. Durango, CO 81301
970-259-2402 • AnimasMuseum.org

Annie Riggs Memorial Museum
Exhibits on the 1894 murder of a Pecos County sheriff, pioneer cowboy gear and archaeology.
301 S. Main St. Fort Stockton, TX 79735
432-336-2167 • AnnieRiggsMuseum.com

Bartlesville Area Hist. Museum
Exhibits artifacts from Osage Indians and the town's rich oil and mineral history.
401 S. Johnstone Ave. Bartlesville, OK 74003
918-338-4290 • BartlesvilleHistory.com

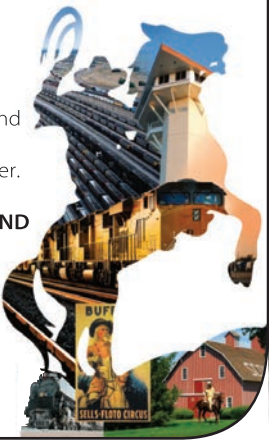
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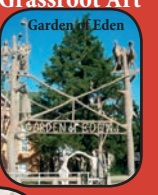
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1800 N. Congress Ave. Austin, TX 78701
512-936-8746 • TheStoryOfTexas.com

Bozeman Pioneer Museum
Housed in a 1911 jail and exhibiting the early years of Gallatin Valley.
317 W. Main St. Bozeman, MT 59715
406-522-8122 • PioneerMuseum.org

Carbon County Museum
Exhibits include original Wyoming flag and shoes made out of outlaw Big Nose George Parrot.
904 W. Walnut St. Rawlins, WY 82301
307-328-2740 • CarbonCountyMuseum.org

Carter County Museum
Since 1936, museum features area's dinosaur discoveries, and Indian and settler artifacts.
306 N. Main St. Ekalaka, MT 59324
406-775-6886 • CarterCountyMuseum-Ekalaka.org

Cave Creek Museum
Shares local history from the Hohokam Indians to the pioneers who settled here and beyond.
6140 E. Skyline Dr. Cave Creek, AZ 85327
480-488-2764 • CaveCreekMuseum.org

Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum
Photos and artifacts share the story of the 1893 Cherokee Strip land run into Indian Territory.
31639 Hwy. 77 Arkansas City, KS 67005
620-442-6750 • ArkCity.org

Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
Home to the only 1893 land office, museum shares stories of Cherokee Outlet pioneers.
507 S. 4th St. Enid, OK 73701
580-237-1907 • CSRHC.org

Coronado Quivira Museum
Displays area history with a focus on Spanish explorers, the Santa Fe Trail and homesteaders.
105 W. Lyon St. Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-3941 • CQMuseum.org

Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum
Housed in an 1896 courthouse, exhibits explore historic families in the region and other history.
110 W. Hickory St. Denton, TX 76201
940-349-2850 • DentonCounty.com/CHOS

Crook County Museum & Art Gallery
History exhibits include court documents and furniture from the Sundance Kid's trial in 1888.
309 Cleveland St. Sundance, WY 82729
307-283-3666

Deming Luna Mimbres Museum
Displays daily life of Deming residents in 1881 through period artifacts and architecture.
301 S. Silver Ave. Deming, NM 88030
575-546-2382 • LunaCountyHistoricalSociety.com

Dubois Museum/Wind River Historical Ctr.
Displays Upper Wind River Valley history from the Shoshones to the Scandinavian Tie Hacks.
909 W. Ramshorn St. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-2284 • DuboisMuseum.org

El Paso Museum of History
Exhibits 400 years of history of the U.S./Mexico border area referred to as the Pass of the North.
510 N. Santa Fe St. El Paso, TX 79901
915-351-3588 • ElPasoTexas.gov/history

El Pueblo History Museum
Interprets the heritage behind why this region was a crossroads of culture for three centuries.
301 N. Union Ave. Pueblo, CO 81003
719-583-0453 • HistoryColorado.org

El Rancho de las Golondrinas
A living history museum dedicated to the heritage of Spanish Colonial New Mexico.
334 Los Pinos Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87507
505-471-2261 • Golondrinas.org

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Ellis County H.S. Museum
Shares pioneer stories of ranchers and Volga Germans in a reconstructed German Haus.
100 W. 7th St. Hays, KS 67601
785-628-2624 • EllisCountyHistoricalMuseum.org

Fort Smith Museum of History
Since 1910, exhibits Fort Smith's pioneer history in the 1907 Atkinson-Williams Warehouse.
320 Rogers Ave. Fort Smith, AR 72901
479-783-7841 • FortSmithMuseum.com

Flagstaff Pioneer Museum
Displays more than 10,000 regional artifacts including cowboy gear and medical equipment.
2340 N. Fort Valley Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-774-6272 • AZHS.gov

Four Rivers Cultural Center
Honors American Indian, Basque, Hispanic and European pioneers where four rivers converge.
676 SW 5th Ave. Ontario, OR 97914
888-211-1222 • 4RCC.com

Frank House Museum
The University of Nebraska at Kearney preserves this 1899 family mansion.
2010 University Dr. Kearney, NE 68849
308-865-8284 • FrankHouse.org

Fremont County Pioneer Museum
Exhibits artifacts relating to the pioneer development of Fremont County and Lander.
1443 Main St. Lander, WY 82520
307-332-3373 • FCPM.org

Frontier Times Museum
Exhibits 40,000 pioneer artifacts, cowboy memorabilia and art from the Texas frontier.
510 13th St. Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-3864 • FrontierTimesMuseum.org

Grand Encampment Museum
Shares Upper Platte Valley heritage of Indians, trappers, tie hacks, and sheep and cattle ranchers.
807 Barnett Ave. Encampment, WY 82325
307-327-5308 • GEMuseum.com

Gunnison Pioneer Museum
Since 1964, preserves 18 historical buildings to showcase pioneer and narrow gauge rail history.
803 E. Tomichi Ave. Gunnison, CO 81230
970-641-4530 • PioneerTrainMuseum.org

Hanna Basin Museum
Displays area's coal camps, railroad, homesteading and ranching heritage.
502 Front St. Hanna, WY 82327
307-325-6464 • HannaBasinMuseum.com

Hastings Museum
Since 1927, chronicles the natural and cultural history of early inhabitants on Nebraska plains.
1330 N. Burlington Ave. Hastings, NE 68901
800-508-4629 • HastingsMuseum.org

Healy House Museum & Dexter Cabin
This 1878 home exhibits artifacts of silver tycoon Horace Tabor and Leadville pioneers.
912 Harrison Ave. Leadville, CO 80461
719-486-0487 • HistoryColorado.org

Heritage Station Museum
Ranch and history exhibits housed in a 1909 depot with 1879 homestead on the grounds.
108 SW Frazer Ave. Pendleton, OR 97801
541-276-0012 • HeritageStationMuseum.org

Herzstein Memorial Museum
Exhibits Union County history from the Santa Fe Trail to the 1899 capture of Black Jack Ketchum.
22 S. 2nd St. Clayton, NM 88415
888-789-6641 • HerzsteinMuseum.com

High Desert Museum
Mixes the stories of 100 rescued wild animals with a frontier homestead and historical artifacts.
59800 S. Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97702
541-382-4754 • HighDesertMuseum.org

High Plains Western Heritage Center
High Plains regional history of the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska.
825 Heritage Dr. Spearfish, SD 57783
605-642-9378 • WesternHeritageCenter.com

History Colorado Center
History dioramas and historical photos and artifacts share early life in Denver and Rocky Mountains.
1200 Broadway Denver, CO 80203
303-447-8679 • HistoryColorado.org

Humboldt Museum
Since 1974, exhibits native artifacts and pioneer tools from one of Nevada's first settlements.
175 Museum Ave. Winnemucca, NV 89446
775-623-2912 • HumboldtMuseum.com

Hutchinson County Historical Museum
Since 1977, exhibits pertain to the 1874-75 Red River War, particularly the Battle of Adobe Walls.
618 N. Main Borger, TX 79007
806-273-0130 • HutchinsonCountyMuseum.org

Jackson Hole Historical Society & Museum
Exhibits historical artifacts related to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks.
225 N. Cache Jackson, WY 83001
307-733-9605 • JacksonHoleHistory.org

Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum
Starting as Gatchell's 1900 drugstore, museum shares Indian artifacts and Powder River history.
100 Fort St. Buffalo, WY 82834
307-684-9331 • JimGatchell.com

John E. Conner Museum
Exhibits South Texas history with 900 branding irons, weapons, Indian artifacts and ranch tools.
905 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave.
Kingsville, TX 78363
361-593-2810 • www.Tamuk.edu/museum

Journey Museum
Displays Great Plains history from its geological origin to prehistoric era and modern day.
222 New York St. Rapid City, SD 57701
605-394-6923 • JourneyMuseum.org

Knight Museum & Sandhills Center
Shares pioneer and American Indian life in the Nebraska Sandhills, plus local rail heritage.
908 Yellowstone Ave. Alliance, NE 69301
308-762-2384 • KnightMuseum.com

Little Snake River Museum
Preserves valley's gold mining days and historic buildings such as the 1873 Jim Baker Cabin.
P.O. Box 13 Savery, WY 82321
307-383-7262 • LittleSnakeRiverMuseum.com

Medicine Bow Museum
This 1913 railroad depot shares rail history and Medicine Bow's sheep and cattle ranch brands.
405 Lincoln Hwy. Medicine Bow, WY 82329
307-379-2383 • WyomingCarbonCounty.com

Meeteetse Museums
Houses photos by Charles Belden, of nearby Pitchfork Ranch, and wildlife exhibits.
1947 State St. Meeteetse, WY 82433
307-868-2423 • MeeteetseMuseums.org

Missouri History Museum
Since 1866, museum preserves the history of this gateway to the West and the state of Missouri.
5700 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63112
314-746-4599 • MOHistory.org

Museum of the American West
Shares Shoshone, Arapaho and pioneer history of South Pass and Sweetwater & Wind River valleys.
1445 W. Main St. Lander, WY 82520
307-335-8778 • AMWest.org

Museum of the Big Bend
Sul Ross State University's museum displays the history of the Big Bend region of Texas.
400 N. Harrison St. C-101 Alpine, TX 79832
432-837-8143 • Sulross.edu/museum

Museum of the Great Plains
Since 1961, spotlights Great Plains history from American Indians to 1830s trading post replica.
601 NW Ferris Ave. Lawton, OK 73507
580-581-3640 • MuseumGreatPlains.org

Museum of Idaho
Since 1982, shares interaction between explorers Lewis & Clark and local Shoshone Indians.
200 N. Eastern Ave. Idaho Falls, ID 83402
208-522-1400 • MuseumOfIdaho.org

Museum of the Mountain West
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68169 E. Miami Rd. Montrose, CO 81401
970-240-3400 • MountainWestMuseum.com

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3101 N. Fort Valley Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-774-5213 • MusNAZ.org

Museum of Northwest Colorado
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590 Yampa Ave. Craig, CO 81625
970-824-6360 • MuseumNWCO.org

Nebraska Prairie Museum
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2701 Burlington St. Holdrege, NE 68949
308-995-5015 • NebraskaPrairie.org



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READER'S CHOICE: Durango & Silverton NGRR • Durango, CO • DurangoTrain.com

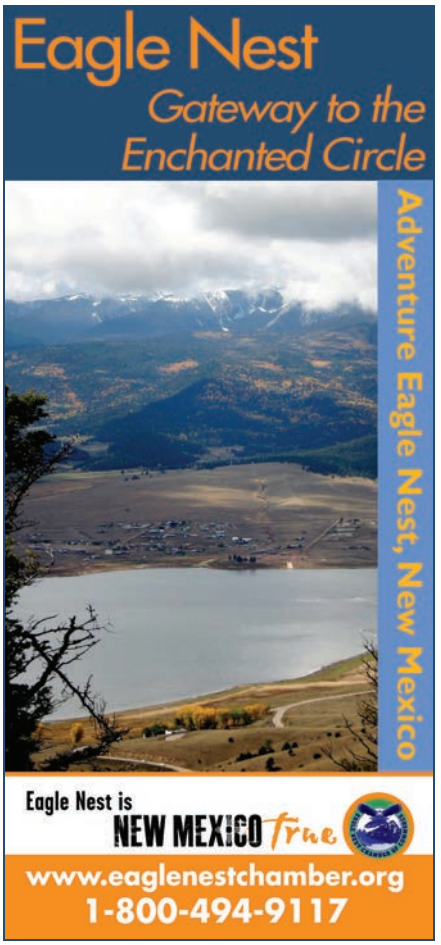
New Mexico History Museum
Celebrates 400 years of American Indians, Spanish explorers and Santa Fe Trail pioneers.
113 Lincoln Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-476-5200 • NMHistoryMuseum.org

Oklahoma History Center
Explores Oklahoma history through exhibits on geology, transportation, commerce and aviation.
800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr. Oklahoma City, OK 73105
405-522-5248 • OKHistoryCenter.org

Old State House Museum
Since 1833, features Civil War battle flags and Arkansas art such as pottery and quilts.
300 W. Markham St. Little Rock, AR 72201
501-324-9685 • OldStateHouse.com

Old Town Museum Complex
Depicts early life in western Oklahoma with five museums in one location.
2717 W. Hwy. 66 Elk City, OK 73648
580-225-6266 • VisitElkCity.com

Heritage Travel





Owyhee County Museum
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17085 Basey St. Murphy, ID 83650
208-495-2319 • OwyheeMuseum.org

Palace of the Governors
The 17th-century adobe structure chronicles the history of Sante Fe and New Mexico.
105 W. Palace Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-476-5100 • PalaceOfTheGovernors.org

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
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2503 4th Ave. Canyon, TX 79015
806-651-2244 • PanhandlePlains.org

Pinal County Historical Museum
Features the authentic nooses used to hang felons in this former silver mining boomtown.
715 S. Main St. Florence, AZ 85132
520-868-4382

Pioneer Trails Regional Museum
Explores Bowman County's military, ranching, transportation and entertainment history.
12 First Ave. NE Bowman, ND 58623
701-523-3600 • PTRM.org

Placer County Museums
Six different museums celebrate the history of the 1851 oounty that grew as a result of the Gold Rush.
101 Maple St. Auburn, CA 95603
530-889-6500 • Placer.CA.Gov

Red River Valley Museum
Exhibits on Texas ranching, the Great Western Trail and Doan's Crossing on the Red River.
4600 College Dr. Vernon, TX 76384
940-553-1848 • RedRiverValleyMuseum.org

Rim Country Museums
Payson's heritage shared via museums on the Rim Country and at Zane Grey's Cabin.
P.O. Box 2532 Payson, AZ 85547
928-474-3483 • RimCountryMuseums.com

River of Time Museum
Depicts the past and present role water plays in the Lower Verde Valley's Sonoran Desert.
12901 N. La Montana Blvd.
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
480-837-2612 • RiverOfTimeMuseum.org

Ruidoso River Museum
Exhibits artifacts from outlaw Billy the Kid and the 1878-79 Lincoln County War.
101 Mechem Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-257-0296 • RuidosoRiverMuseum.com

St. Joseph Museum
Since 1927, exhibits Indian clothing, weapons and archaeological artifacts from 10 cultural regions.
3406 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64508
800-530-8866 • StJosephMuseum.org

Sanguinetti House Museum
Three restored adobes exhibit lower Colorado River history from 1540s to the present.
240 S. Madison Ave. Yuma, AZ 85364
928-782-1841 • AZHS.gov

Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum
Exhibits on the Valley's five early townships, plus nearly 40 horse-drawn transports.
3596 Sagunto St. Santa Ynez, CA 93460
805-688-7889 • SantaYnezMuseum.org

Saratoga Museum
Exhibits artifacts from the Platte Valley region and the state's largest gem and mineral display.
104 Constitution Ave. Saratoga, WY 82331
307-326-5511 • Saratoga-Museum.com

Sharlot Hall Museum
Features historic buildings from 1864, and exhibits relating to the Prescott Valley.
415 W. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301
928-445-3122 • Sharlot.org

South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center
Since 1989, offers museum and archives sharing South Dakota's native and frontier heritage.
900 Governors Dr. Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-3458 • History.SD.gov

Stonewall Saloon Museum
Renovated in 2011, celebrates the history of the first permanent structure built in Saint Jo in 1873.
100 Main St. Saint Jo, TX 76265
940-995-7193 • StonewallStoneMuseum.com

Superstition Mountain Museum
Exhibits on the Lost Dutchman Mine and the prehistoric Hohokam and Salado tribes.
4087 N. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85219
480-983-4888 • SuperstitionMountainMuseum.org

Telluride Historical Museum
Shares the mining, transportation and native Ute heritage of this San Juan Mountain town.
201 W. Gregory Ave. Telluride, CO 81435
970-728-3344 • Telluride Museum.org

Territorial Capital Museum
Shares artifacts from pre-Civil War Kansas through Lane Univ. era, at 1882 Rowena Hotel.
640 E. Woodson Ave. Lecompton, KS 66050
785-887-6285 • LecomptonKansas.com

Texas Heritage Museum
Exhibits about Texas during the Civil War era are housed on the campus of Hill College.
112 Lamar Dr. Hillsboro, TX 76645
254-659-7500 • HillCollege.edu/Museum

Tillman County Historical Society and Pioneer Townsite Museum
Includes 1901 Frisco depot that greeted Pres. Roosevelt's train and 1902 Horse Creek School.
P.O. Box 833 Frederick, OK 73542
580-335-5844 • TillmanOKHistory.org

Tri-State Museum
Displays historical artifacts from the Tri-State region: Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming.
415 5th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717
605-723-1200 • TheTriStateMuseum.com

Trinidad History Museum
Covers Santa Fe Trail history with the 1873 Baca House and 1882 cattle baron's mansion.
312 E. Main St. Trinidad, CO 81082
719-846-7217 • HistoryColorado.org

Tucson Arizona History Museum
An underground copper mine, ranch exhibits and period rooms reveal Tucson's frontier era.
949 E. 2nd St. Tucson, AZ 85719
520-628-5774 • AZHS.gov

Van of Enchantment
Converted RV carries artifacts from New Mexico's museums and monuments across the state.
725 Camino Lejo Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-476-1164 • VanOfEnchantment.org

Washakie Museum & Cultural Center
Exhibits Big Horn Basin archaeology and the history of its settlers and cattle barons.
2200 Big Horn Ave. Worland, WY 82401
307-347-4102 • WashakieMuseum.org

Washington State History Museum
Interactive exhibits on Washington's history from its geological origins to the present day.
1911 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, WA 98402
888-238-4373 • WSHS.org

West of the Pecos Museum
Gunfighter Clay Allison's grave is west of this former 1896 saloon sharing West Texas history.
120 E. 1st St. Pecos, TX 79772
432-445-5076 • WestOfThePecosMuseum.com



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Irma Hotel

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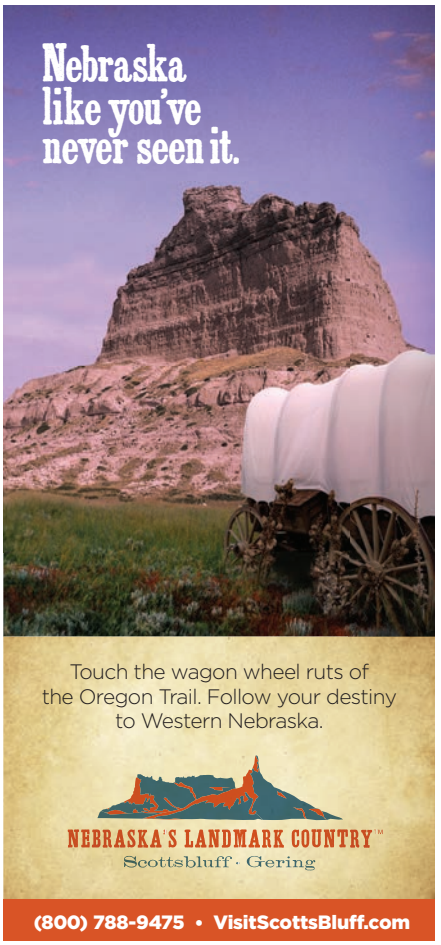
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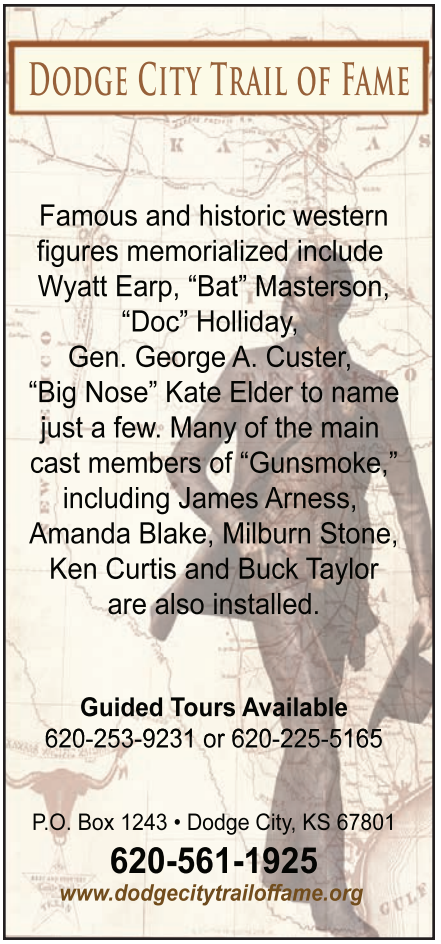


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100 E. Weston St. Moorcroft, WY 82721
307-756-9300

Western Heritage Center
This 1901 library houses Yellowstone River Valley artifacts & ongoing Indian tribal histories project.
2822 Montana Ave. Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6809 • YWHC.org

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Museum
Exhibits on the 1879 Gothic-style mansion, Jesse James and local and natural history.
1100 Charles St. Joseph, MO 64502
800-530-8866 • StJosephMuseum.org

Yakima Valley Museum
Exhibits Indian and pioneer life, horse-drawn vehicles and clothing spanning two centuries.
2105 Tieton Dr. Yakima, WA 98902
509-248-0747 • YakimaValleyMuseum.org



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Big Nose Kate's

Although its true place in history may be debatable, we still love Big Nose Kate's in historic Tombstone, Arizona. Named after Doc Holliday's girlfriend, this popular watering hole began life as the Grand Hotel in 1880, before the hotel burned two years later. Regardless of whether the famous Earp brothers or Doc Holliday really did bunk there, this restaurant is an Old West gathering spot that jumps with live music, food and drinks. Not surprising at all, since part of the fun is getting to ride your horse here.

READER'S CHOICE: Big Nose Kate's · Tombstone, AZ · BigNoseKate.com

Museums: Transportation History

Arabia Steamboat Museum
Artifacts from 1853 steamboat that sank in 1856, excavated 132 years later from a cornfield.
400 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106
816-471-1856 • 1856.com

California State Railroad Museum
Train rides and changing exhibits showcase the state's history of railroading.
125 "I" St. Sacramento, CA 95814
916-445-6645 • CSRMF.org

California Trail Interpretive Center
The first federal facility devoted exclusively to the California Trail overlooks Donner Party Hastings Cutoff.
Elko, NV
775-738-1849 • CaliforniaTrailCenter.org

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center
Interactive exhibits celebrate the history of this historic cattle trail dating back to 1867.
1000 Chisholm Trail Pkwy. Duncan, OK 73533
580-252-6692 • OnTheChisholmTrail.com

Colorado Railroad Museum
Exhibits more than 100 historic narrow gauge and standard gauge locomotives.
17155 W. 44th Ave. Golden, CO 80403
800-365-6263 • ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org

El Camino Real Int'l Heritage Center
Exhibits on and artifacts from the 16th-century trail that helped colonize New Mexico.
I-25 Exit 115 Socorro, NM 87801
575-854-3600 • CaminoRealHeritage.org

End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Ctr.
Brings Oregon Trail tales to life with living history presentations and pioneer artifacts.
1726 Washington St. Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-9336 • HistoricOregonCity.org

Forney Museum of Transportation
A collection of wheeled transports, including antique cars, locomotives and buggies.
4303 Brighton Blvd. Denver, CO 80216
303-297-1113 • ForneyMuseum.com

Galveston Railroad Museum
Housed in 1932 Union Station, offers a train yard as museum rebuilds collection after Hurricane Ike.
2602 Santa Fe Place Galveston, TX 77550
409-765-5700 • GalvestonRRMuseum.com

Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center
Tower offers a panoramic view of the 2,850-acre Bailey Yard, the world's largest railroad yard.
1249 N. Homestead Rd. North Platte, NE 69101
308-532-9920 • GoldenSpikeTower.com

Hubbard Museum of the American West
Smithsonian-affiliate exhibits Anne C. Stradling's horse collection and horse-drawn vehicles.
26301 Hwy. 70 W. Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4142 • HubbardMuseum.org

Kingsville 1904 Train Depot Museum
Exhibits the impact of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway on ranching.
102 E. Kleberg Ave. Kingsville, TX 78363
361-592-8516 • 1904-Depot.KingsvilleTexas.com

Limon Depot Heritage Museum & Railroad Park
Restored 1910 Union Pacific and Rock Island depot shares rail history of this hub city.
701-890 First St. Limon, CO 80828
719-775-8605

National Frontier Trails Museum
Commemorates California, Oregon and Santa Fe Trails at this 1827 emigrant stop.
318 W. Pacific Independence, MO 64050
816-325-7575 • FrontierTrailsCenter.com

Nat'l Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Tells the history of the Oregon trail with exhibits, presentations and guided trail hikes.
22267 Hwy. 86 Baker City, OR 97814
541-523-1843 • OregonTrail.BLM.gov

Nat'l Oregon/California Trail Center
Offers exhibits and re-enactments about the wagon train journeys taken by pioneers.
320 N. 4th St. Montpelier, ID 83254
866-847-3800 • OregonTrailCenter.org

Nevada Northern Railway Museum
Shares artifacts of the 1905 Nevada Northern Railway and offers specialty train rides.
1100 Avenue A Ely, NV 89301
866-407-8326 • NNRY.com

Oklahoma Route 66 Museum
Exhibits six decades of Route 66 history and curios collected along the famous road.
2229 W. Gary Blvd. Clinton, OK 73601
580-323-7866 • Route66.org

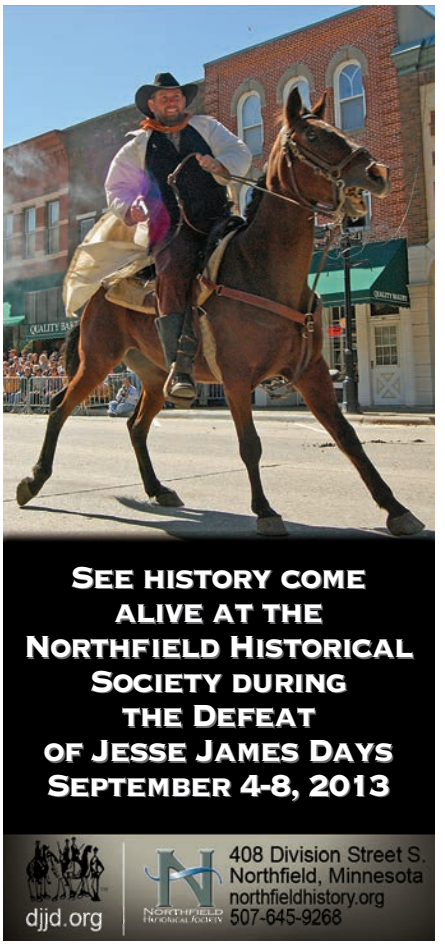
Pacific Southwest Railway Museum
Features 135 years of railroad history through exhibits and scenic train rides.
750 Depot St. Campo, CA 91906
619-465-7776 • PSRM.org

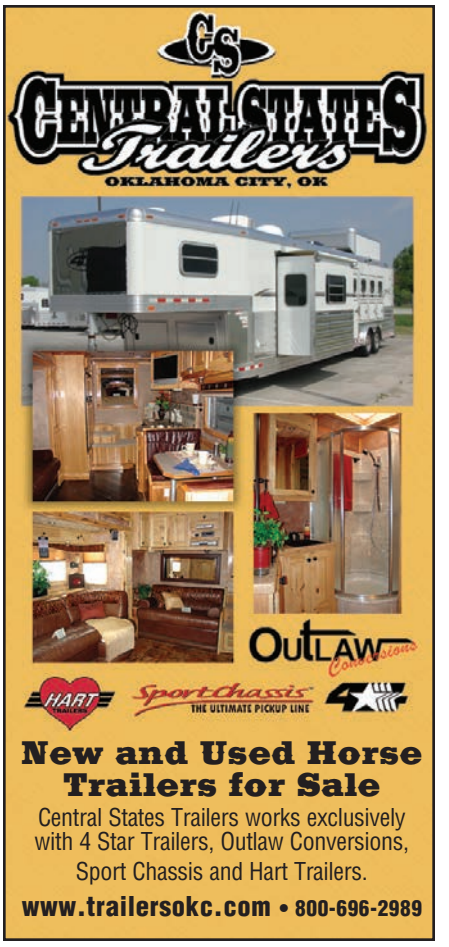
Patee House Museum
The 1858 headquarters of the 1860-61 Pony Express houses local history exhibits.
1202 Penn St. St. Joseph, MO 64503
816-232-8206 • PonyExpressJesseJames.com

Pony Express Museum
Devoted to the operation and termination of the 1860-61 Pony Express mail route.
914 Penn St. St. Joseph, MO 64503
800-530-5930 • PonyExpress.org

Pueblo Railway Museum
History of the five railroads that serviced Pueblo, including restoration efforts.
201 W. B St. Suite 100 Pueblo, CO 81003
719-251-5024 • PuebloRailway.org

Ridgway Railroad Museum
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1141 Pawnee Bill Rd, Pawnee, OK 74058

For more info call
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PawneeBillRanch.com

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
Exhibits Arizona territorial transportation with an emphasis on steam locomotion.
414 N. Toole Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701
520-623-2223 • TucsonHistoricDepot.org

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum
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4119 Cromwell Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421
423-894-8028 • TVRail.com

Wells Fargo History Museums
Shares the history of the bank stretching back to its founding as an express company in 1852.
AK • AZ • CA • MN • NC • OR
WellsFargoHistory.com

Working Waterfront Maritime Museum
Collection of artifacts and ships represent the rich history and culture of Puget Sound.
705 Dock St. Tacoma, WA 98402
253-272-2750 • WWFrontMuseum.org

Western Heritage Centers/Research Libraries

American Heritage Center
University of Wyoming's repository and digital archive sharing its Western History collections.
2111 Willett Dr. Laramie, WY 82071
307-766-4114 • AHC.UWyo.edu

Autry in Griffith Park
Combines multiple Indian perspectives with Western histories, and is an institute for study.
4700 Western Heritage Way Los Angeles, CA 90027
323-667-2000 • TheAutry.org

Bancroft Library
Western Americana collection documents west of the Rocky Mountains, emphasizing California.
200 California Hall Berkeley, CA 94720
510-642-6481 • Bancroft.Berkeley.edu

Buffalo Bill Historical Center
Exhibits on namesake Buffalo Bill Cody, Western art, Plains Indians, firearms and natural history.
720 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY 82414
307-587-4771 • BBHC.org

Haley Memorial Library & History Center
Houses west Texas pioneers' original interviews, diaries, manuscripts, photos, maps and letters.
1805 W. Indiana Ave. Midland, TX 79701
432-682-5785 • HaleyLibrary.com

Parks, Monuments & NHS

Abilene State Park
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150 Park Rd. 32 Tuscola, TX 79562
325-572-3204 • TPWD.State.TX.us

Arizona State Parks
Since 1957, manages and preserves state land in recreational and historical parks.
1300 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-542-4174 • AZStateParks.com

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
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307 W. Sackett Ave. Salida, CO 81201
719-539-7289 • Parks.State.CO.us

Bannack State Park
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4200 Bannack Rd. Dillon, MT 59725
406-834-3413 • Bannack.org

Big Bend National Park
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P.O. Box 129 Big Bend NP, TX 79834
432-477-2251 • NPS.gov

Bosque Redondo Memorial
Located in Fort Sumner, a memorial of the imprisonment of Navajos during 1863-68.
3647 Billy the Kid Rd. Fort Sumner, NM 88119
575-355-2573 • BosqueRedondoMemorial.com

Capitol Reef National Park
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HC 70 Box 15 Torrey, UT 84775
435-425-3791 • NPS.gov

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BEST HISTORIC TRAIL

El Camino Real de los Tejas

This nearly 300-year-old trail was the primary overland route across the Rio Grande to the Red River Valley in Louisiana. Since its designation in 2004, the first of 62 trail signs in Milam County, Texas, were unveiled last October, with many schoolchildren following an Apache Pass trade route taken by Indians, Spaniards and Texas settlers. We bet some of those original travelers wished they had markers to guide them back then!

READER'S CHOICE:
Oregon Trail

Chadron State Park
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15951 Hwy. 385 Chadron, NE 69337
308-432-6167 • OutdoorNebraska.NE.gov

Coronado State Monument
Reconstructed pueblo with Kuaua murals seen by Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez Coronado.
485 Kuaua Rd. Bernalillo, NM 87004
505-476-1150 • NMMonuments.org

Cross Ranch State Park
Mandan village sites are present at the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery campsite.
1403 River Rd. Center, ND 58530
701-794-3731 • ParkRec.ND.gov

Crazy Horse Memorial
Mountain carving honors Lakota leader, plus laser light shows, sculptor's studio home and museum.
12151 Ave. of the Chiefs Crazy Horse, SD 57730
605-673-4681 • CrazyHorseMemorial.org

Cumberland Mountain State Park
Offers homesteads and largest New Deal masonry project built by Civilian Conservation Corps.
24 Office Dr. Crossville, TN 38555
931-484-6138 • TNStateParks.com

Custer State Park
Offers nation's largest public bison herds and French Creek site of Custer's 1874 gold discovery.
13329 Hwy. 16A Custer, SD 57730
605-255-4464 • GFP.SD.gov

David Crockett State Park
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1400 W. Gaines St. Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
931-762-9408 • TNStateParks.com

Elfego Baca at Henry's Corner
Honors the Mexican-American peace officer who waged war against Texas cowboys in 1884.
109 N. Main St. Reserve, NM 87830
866-291-2732 • ElfegoBacaAtHenrysCorner.com

Galveston Island State Park
Maco Stewart's former cattle ranch offers fishing lakes and a sandy beach along the Gulf of Mexico.
14901 FM 3005 Galveston, TX 77554
409-737-1222 • TPWD.State.TX.us

George Ranch Historical Park
Costumed guides share Texas lore at 1830s-1930s homes on an 1824 working cattle ranch.
10215 FM 762 Richmond, TX 77469
281-343-0218 • GeorgeRanch.org

Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park
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646 Loop Dr. Georgetown, CO 80444
888-456-6777 • HistoryColorado.org

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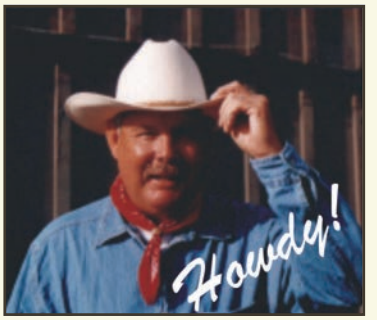
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400 Pine Canyon Rd. Salt Flat, TX 79847
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Hot Springs State Park
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538 N. Park St. Thermopolis, WY 82443
307-864-2176 • WyoParks.State.WY.us

Indian Cave State Park
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RR 1 Box 30 Shubert, NE 68437
402-883-2575 • OutdoorNebraska.NE.gov



BEST HERITAGE RIVER CRUISE

Columbia River Cruise

While most might think of the mighty Mississippi when it comes to American steamboat cruises, the best this year took place on the Columbia River in the great Northwest. In partnership with Great American Adventures, the Queen of the West takes guests on an eight-day cruise that starts in Portland, Oregon, heads to Astoria, home of Fort Clatsop, for some Lewis & Clark history, cruises through Volcano Alley and Columbia River Gorge, stops in Pendleton for Pendleton Roundup and ends with Indian petroglyphs at Hells Canyon.

READER'S CHOICE: American Queen Steamboat Co. • AmericanQueenSteamboatCompany.com

Iron Horse State Park
John Wayne Pioneer Trail follows former roadbed of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.
Near North Bend, WA
360-902-8844 • Parks.WA.gov

Jemez State Monument
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Jemez Springs, NM
505-476-1150 • NMMonuments.org

Kartchner Caverns State Park
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2980 S. Hwy. 90 Benson, AZ 85602
520-586-4100 • AZParks.gov

Lincoln State Monument
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Lincoln County, NM
575-653-4372 • NMMonuments.org

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4702 S. 19th St. Tacoma, WA 98405
235-305-1000 • MetroParksTacoma.org

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Preserves the 1797 mission on El Camino Real, undergoing renovation after a 2003 earthquake.
775 Mission St. San Miguel, CA 93451
805-467-3256 • MissionSanMiguel.org

Mueller State Park
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21045 Hwy. 67 S. Divide, CO 80814
719-687-2366 • Parks.State.CO.us

Natchez Trace State Park
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24845 Natchez Trace Rd. Wildersville, TN 38388
800-250-8616 • TNStateParks.com

New Mexico State Monuments
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P.O. Box 2087 Santa Fe, NM 87504
505-476-1150 • NMMonuments.org

Nez Perce Nat'l Historic Trail
Commemorates 1877 flight of Nez Perce Indians from Wallowa Lake, Oregon, to Chinook, Montana.
12730 Hwy. 12 Orofino, ID 83544
208-476-8334 • FS.USDA.gov/npnht

Old Sacramento
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1002 Second St. Sacramento, CA 95814
916-442-7644 • OldSacramento.com

Palo Duro Canyon State Park
Home of Apache, Comanche and Kiowa tribes, and of Charles Goodnight's 1876 JA Ranch.
11450 Park Rd. 5 Canyon, TX 79015
806-488-2227 • PaloDuroCanyon.com

Prairie Dog State Park
Prairie dog home offers the site of the last remaining adobe in Kansas, built in the 1890s.
13037 Hwy. 261 Norton, KS 67654
785-877-2953 • KDWP.State.KS.us

Spirit Mound Historic Prairie Park
Offers trail where Lewis & Clark sought out big-headed little people said to occupy Spirit Mound.
31148 Hwy. 19 Vermillion, SD 57069
605-987-2263 • GFP.SD.gov

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
Since 1876, this Red Rock Canyon region has served as a retreat for both Indians and outlaws.
6375 Hwy. 159 Blue Diamond, NV 89004
702-875-4141 • Parks.NV.gov

Sumner Lake State Park
Base camp for exploring Old West history at nearby Fort Sumner and Bosque Redondo.
HC 64 Box 125 Fort Sumner, NM 88119
505-355-2541 • www.emnrd.State.NM.us/prd

Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park
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315 2nd Ave. Medora, ND 58645
701-623-4466 • NPS.gov

Three Island Crossing State Park
On Snake River at Glenns Ferry, used by pioneers until 1869, and interprets Oregon Trail history.
1083 S. Three Island Park Dr.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
208-366-2394 • ParksAndRecreation.Idaho.gov

Tombstone Courthouse SHP
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1594 W. North Temple Suite 116
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
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360-902-8844 • Parks.WA.Gov

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2301 Central Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82002
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406-238-9796 • WhiteBuffaloLodges.com

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Adventure gear outfitter of tents, cookware, rain gear and camping and hiking supplies.
19 N. First St. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-3468 • WindRiverGearShop.com

True Western Towns

Alamogordo, NM
The 1898 town was founded as a railroad terminal and is home to the Three Rivers Petroglyph Site and Oliver Lee Memorial State Park.
1301 N. White Sands Blvd.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
575-437-6120 • Alamogordo.com

Arizona Office of Tourism
Promotes the historic sites and adventure opportunities in the Grand Canyon State, which joined the U.S. on Valentine's Day in 1912.
1110 W. Washington St. Suite 155
Phoenix, AZ 85007
866-275-5816 • ArizonaGuide.com

Aztec, NM
The 1887 city of Aztec is home to the world's only reconstructed Great Kiva at the Chaco Culture's Aztec Ruins and a pioneer village.
110 N. Ash St. Aztec, NM 87410
888-543-4629 • AztecNM.com

Bandera County, TX
Formed in 1856 with the 1853 sawmill town of Bandera as its county seat, Bandera County boasts dude ranches and honky-tonks.
126 Hwy. 16 S. Bandera, TX 78003
800-364-3833 • BanderaCowboyCapital.com

Bartlesville, OK
Originally an 1875 trading post on Turkey Creek, Bartlesville offers Osage, Cherokee and Delaware sites and oil boom history.
201 SW Keeler Ave. Bartlesville, OK 74003
800-364-8708 • VisitBartlesville.com

Bisbee, AZ
Founded as a mining camp in 1877, Bisbee offers tours of the 1880 Queen Mine and is home to the oldest ballpark in the nation (Warren, 1906).
118 Arizona St. Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-6000 • CityOfBisbee.com

Box Elder County, UT
A county since 1856, Box Elder's sites include Golden Spike in Promontory, 1889 Holmgren farm in Tremonton and hot springs in Honeyville.
One S. Main St. Brigham City, UT 84302
877-390-2326 • BoxElder.org

Buffalo, WY
Experience Buffalo's ties to the Bozeman Trail, 1892 Johnson County War, 1866 Fort Phil Kearny and Fetterman/Wagon Box Fight battlefields.
55 N. Main St. Buffalo, WY 82834
800-227-5122 • BuffaloWYO.com

Canyon Main Street, TX
Since 2002, works to redevelop Canyon's central business district, such as 1909 Randall County Courthouse for downtown square project.
308 14th St. Suite 100 Canyon, TX 79015
806-656-6833 • CanyonMainStreet.com

Carbon County, WY
Organized in 1868, Carbon County lies on the Overland Trail across Bridger Pass and shares Wild Bunch history on the Outlaw Trail Loop.
816 W. Spruce St. Rawlins, WY 82301
800-228-3547 • WyomingCarbonCounty.com

Chama Valley, NM
An 1881 Denver & Rio Grande rail town, Chama is presently a spur for the narrow gauge now called the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.
P.O. Box 306-RB Chama, NM 87520
800-477-0149 • VisitChama.com

Cheyenne, WY
Cheyenne, an 1867 rail town, is home to the world's largest outdoor rodeo since 1897 and the largest operating steam locomotive.
121 W. 15th St. Suite 202 Cheyenne, WY 82001
800-426-5009 • Cheyenne.org

Clayton/Union County, NM
Santa Fe Trail town offers history of Black Jack Ketchum's 1901 hanging and a 16th-century Cheyenne chief's death at Rabbit Ears Mountain.
1103 S. 1st St. Clayton, NM 88415
800-390-7858 • ClaytonNM.org

Clinton, OK
Originally a railroad crossing called Washita Junction, Clinton, founded in 1903, is a Route 66 town that shares its rail and Cheyenne heritage.
101 S. 4th St. Clinton, OK 73601
580-323-2222 • ClintonOK.org

Coffeyville, KS
Founded in 1869, Coffeyville is best known for its pioneers who foiled the Dalton Gang's plans in 1892 and left four members in the dust.
807 S. Walnut St. Coffeyville, KS 67337
800-626-3357 • VisitCoffeyville.com

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BEST OLD WEST BAR CRAWL

Whiskey Row

Though the popular Bird Cage Saloon and Pearl's Place Cafe were destroyed in a fire last May, that can't keep Whiskey Row down. The 100 block of S. Montezuma Street in Prescott, Arizona, may not boast the 40-something saloons it once had, but Whiskey Row still offers plenty of great watering holes. Old West fans flock to the Jersey Lilly and the 1877 Palace. Fans of live Country music will want to include Matt's Saloon on their bar crawl itinerary.

READER'S CHOICE:

Whiskey Row • Prescott, AZ • WhiskeyRow.us

Custer City, SD
Central to all major Black Hills attractions—Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorials, Jewel Caves and Custer and Wind Cave parks.
615 Washington St. Custer City, SD 57730
800-992-9818 • VisitCuster.com

Deadwood, SD
An 1876 Dakota Territory gold rush town, Deadwood celebrates its icons, such as Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and Wyatt Earp.
767 Main St. Deadwood, SD 57732
800-344-8826 • Deadwood.com

Deming/Luna County, NM
A Butterfield stage stop, 1881's Deming offers Mimbres history at Gila Cliff Dwellings, City of Rocks State Park and Shakespeare ghost town.
800 E. Pine St. Deming, NM 88031
575-546-2674 • DemingChamber.com

Dewey, OK
Founded in 1899, Dewey shares its ties to silent film actor Tom Mix, a town marshal in 1912, and has an 1899 cemetery and pioneer village.
411 E. Don Tyler Dewey, OK 74029
918-534-2272 • CityOfDewey.com

Dodge City, KS
Founded in 1872, this cowtown along the 1874-1886 Great Western Cattle Trail is popularly known as the setting for TV's *Gunsmoke*.
400 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. Dodge City, KS 67801
800-653-9378 • VisitDodgeCity.org

Dubois, WY
A base for Grand Teton and Yellowstone parks, Dubois's history includes Shoshone Sheep Eater Indians and Butch Cassidy as a rancher in 1890.
616 W. Ramshorn St. Dubois, WY 82513
307-455-2556 • DuboisWyomingChamber.org

Duncan, OK
Founded in 1884, Duncan shares its heritage as a Chisholm Trail trading post and as a military passage between Forts Arbuckle and Sill.
P.O. Box 981 Duncan, OK 73534
800-782-7167 • DuncanOK.org

Durango, CO
A former hub for the Denver & Rio Grande and home to a narrow gauge railroad as well as the cliff dwellings at nearby Mesa Verde park.
111 S. Camino del Rio Durango, CO 81301
800-525-8855 • Durango.org

Eagle Nest, NM
Sharing Ute and Jicarilla Apache heritage, the fishing community of Eagle Nest is located in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range.
P.O. Box 322 Eagle Nest, NM 87718
800-494-9117 • EagleNestChamber.org

Edmond, OK
A watering station for the Santa Fe Railroad before settlement during the 1889 land run, Edmond shares its rail and cattle heritage.
1030 S. Bryant Ave. Edmond, OK 73083
405-341-4344 • VisitEdmondOK.com

El Dorado County, CA
The county where the Gold Rush of 1849 was born offers up historic mining towns, pioneer cemeteries, the Tallac Historic Site remains and history museums.
542 Main St. Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-5885 • Visit-ElDorado.com

El Paso, TX
A 1598 Spanish settlement, and Texas's oldest city, El Paso is home to gunfighter John Wesley Hardin's grave site and Spanish missions.
One Civic Center Plaza El Paso, TX 79901
800-351-6024 • VisitElPaso.com

Elk City, OK
Founded as Crowe in 1901 along the Great Western Cattle Trail and Route 66, Elk City shares its rail heritage and hosts a rodeo.
P.O. Box 972 Elk City, OK 73648
800-280-0207 • VisitElkCity.com

Emporia, KS
This 1857 gateway to the Flint Hills shares its history at Prairie Passage sculptures, 1885 home of its famous newspaper editor and Lyon County Historical Museum.
719 Commercial St. Emporia, KS 66801
620-342-1600 • EmporiaKSChamber.org

Eureka County, NV
An 1873 silver strike formed this county, along the "Loneliest Highway in America," and offers mining towns Eureka, Crescent Valley and Beowawe.
701 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316
775-237-5484 • EurekaCounty.com

Fairbury, NE
The 1872 town, located on the Oregon Trail, is home to the Fairbury Commercial Historic District and Rock Island Railroad Depot Museum.
518 E. 8th St. P.O. Box 274 Fairbury, NE 68352
402-729-3000 • FairburyChamber.org

Fort Davis, TX
Fort Davis was founded due to the 1854 military fort at the crossroads of the San Antonio-El Paso Road and the Chihuahua Trail.
4 Memorial Square Fort Davis, TX 79734
800-524-3015 • FortDavis.com

Fort Scott, KS
This 1842 town on the Frontier Military Scenic Byway preserves surviving fort structures and shares its history with Cherokees, Bleeding Kansas, Civil War and more.
231 E. Wall St. Fort Scott, KS 66701
800-245-3678 • FortScott.com



BEST WILD WEST SHOW

Wild Western Festival

You name it, and this festival at historic Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale, Arizona, has it. Gunfights and stunt shows, fast draw competitions, acclaimed Western musicians and cowboy poets, historic building tours, blacksmiths, chuckwagon grub, stars of Western TV and movies . . . shall we go on? Whether you're a grizzled Old West veteran or you've got little desperados in your family, the Wild Western Festival offers something for everyone.

READER'S CHOICE:
Great American Wild West Show • Various Cities • WildWestShow.net

Fort Smith, AR
Founded for its 1817 frontier fort, Fort Smith pays tribute to "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker and the 1831-38 Trail of Tears.
2 N. B St. Fort Smith, AR 72901
800-637-1477 • FortSmith.org

Fort Worth, TX
Founded as a fort in 1849 and a Chisholm Trail cowtown stop, Fort Worth offers stockyards with the nation's only twice-daily longhorn cattle drive.
130 E. Exchange Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76164
800-433-5747 • FortWorth.com

Glenwood Springs, CO
Doc Holliday spent his final months at this home to world's largest man-made mineral hot springs that was originally founded in 1888 as "Defiance."
1102 Grand Ave. Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
888-445-3696 • VisitGlenwood.com

Gonzales, TX
This 1825 settlement shares its Mexican and Indian history, and is the site of the first shot for Texas independence and home to Alamo survivors.
820 Saint Joseph St. Gonzales TX 78629
888-672-1095 • TourGonzales.com

Gothenburg, NE
Founded in 1882 by a Swedish worker for Union Pacific Railroad, Gothenburg offers Pony Express stations and Swedish history.
1021 Lake Ave. Gothenburg, NE 69138
308-537-3505 • GothenburgDelivers.com

Grapevine, TX
Originating under the Lone Star flag in 1844, Grapevine is named for its Mustang grapes and is home to wineries and a historic Main Street.
One Liberty Park Plaza Grapevine, TX 76051
800-457-6338 • GrapevineTexasUSA.com

Gunnison/Crested Butte, CO
A county seat in 1877, the silver mining town of Gunnison and area ghost towns share the region's mining, railroad and ranching heritage.
202 E. Georgia Suite B Gunnison, CO 81230
800-852-3956 • GunnisonCrestedButte.com

Guthrie, OK
Founded during the Land Run in 1889 as the territorial capital of Oklahoma, Guthrie is home to the nation's largest urban historic district.
212 W. Oklahoma St. Guthrie, OK 73044
800-299-1889 • GuthrieOK.com

Hill City, SD
Settled by Black Hills gold miners in 1876, Hill City is near Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer park and 1891 rail route, Mickelson Trail.
23935 Hwy. 385 Hill City, SD 57745
800-888-1798 • HillCitySD.com

Hot Springs, SD
This 1879 town shares Lakota and Cheyenne history via its hot springs, offers a wild horse sanctuary and is near Mount Rushmore.
801 S. 6th St. Hot Springs, SD 57747
800-325-6991 • HotSprings-SD.com

Idaho Tourism
Offers heritage tours about Lewis & Clark, Northwest Passage, Nez Perce and Oregon Trail, as well as ghost towns and area ranches.
700 W. State St. Boise, ID 83720
800-847-4843 • VisitIdaho.org

Idaho's Yellowstone Teton Territory
Eastern Idaho's Yellowstone-Grand Teton Loop features both national parks, as well as Lewis & Clark sites and Nez Perce battlegrounds.
127 E. Main St. Rexburg, ID 83440
800-634-3246 • YellowstoneTeton.org

Jackson Hole, WY
Mountain men left the first accounts of Jackson Hole, which formed as a town in 1901 and offers Grand Tetons park and the national elk refuge.
112 Center St. Jackson, WY 83001
307-733-3316 • JacksonHoleChamber.com

Kane County, UT
Home to Indian sites within Glen Canyon, Hole-in-the-Rock Trail and the 1870 Mormon town of Kanab with Western movie sites.
78 S. 100 E. Kanab, UT 84741
800-733-5263 • KaneUtah.com

Kansas Cattle Towns Coalition
Shares history of cowtowns of Abilene, Caldwell, Dodge City, Ellsworth, Newton and Wichita in Texas Longhorn drives to Kansas from 1867-85.
114 ½ N. Douglas Ellsworth, KS 67439
785-472-4071 • KansasCattleTowns.org

Kaycee, WY
Named for KC Ranch, Kaycee shares stories of the 1892 Johnson County War, Bozeman Trail and Wild Bunch hangout Hole-in-the-Wall.
P.O. Box 147 Kaycee, WY 82639
307-738-2444 • KayceeWyoming.org

Kearney, NE
The 1871 rail town of Kearney offers Oregon Trail outpost Fort Kearny and shares emigrant heritage at the Great Platte River Road Archway.
1007 Second Ave. Kearney, NE 68847
800-652-9435 • VisitKearney.org

Keystone, SD
Named for the Keystone Mine discovery in 1891, Keystone shares its Black Hills gold rush heritage and is near Mount Rushmore.
110 Swanzey St. Keystone, SD 57751
800-456-3345 • KeystoneChamber.com

Kingsville, TX
Kingsville was founded in 1904 by the widow of Richard King, who, in 1853, started King Ranch, the nation's largest working cattle ranch.
1501 Hwy. 77 Kingsville, TX 78363
800-333-5032 • KingsvilleTexas.com

Lander, WY
Bordering the Wind River Indian Reservation, Lander saw the first white trappers in 1811 and was founded in 1869 as army post Camp Augur.
160 N. 1st St. Lander, WY 82520
800-433-0662 • LanderChamber.org

Laramie/Albany County, WY
Named after a French-Canadian trapper and a Union Pacific rail town by 1868, Laramie offers the 1872 territorial prison and 1924 depot.
210 Custer St. Laramie, WY 82070
800-445-5303 • VisitLaramie.org

Lawton/Fort Sill, OK
Founded in 1901, Lawton celebrates its Kiowa-Comanche heritage, while 1869 Fort Sill is the only active Army post from the Indian Wars-era.
629 SW C Ave. Lawton, OK 73501
800-872-4540 • LawtonFortSillChamber.com

Leadville/Lake County, CO
Follow the route of the Silver Kings whose boom brought the town visitors such as Doc Holliday, Frank and Jesse James, and Buffalo Bill Cody.
809 Harrison Ave. Leadville, CO 80461
719-486-3900 • LeadvilleUSA.com

Lewistown, MT
Settled by the Metis in 1879, Lewistown offers the Judith Basin, where Charlie Russell cowboyed in 1880, and shares the region's agricultural lore.
408 NE Main St. Lewistown, MT 59457
866-912-3980 • LewistownChamber.com

Lincoln County, NM
Formed in 1869, Lincoln County is the site of the 1878 Lincoln County War, part of the Billy the Kid Byway and home to 1855 Fort Stanton.
720 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345
877-784-3676• RuidosoAttractions.com

Medora, ND
This 1883 Badlands town offers Rough Riders history, state cowboy hall of fame and is gateway to Theodore Roosevelt park.
301 5th St. Medora, ND 58645
800-633-6721 • Medora.org

Montrose, CO
Founded in 1882 to service mining towns in Uncompahgre Valley, Montrose offers up Ute Indian and Black Canyon route railroad history.
1519 E. Main St. Montrose, CO 81401
800-873-0244 • VisitMontrose.com

Nevada City, CA
The 1849 gold mining town of Nevada City offers a historic downtown, including the 1861 Firehouse, 1856 Miners Foundry and 1857 Ott's Assay Office.
132 Main St. Nevada City, CA 95959
800-655-6569 • NevadaCityChamber.com

New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway
A journey of Ancestral Puebloan sites at Chaco Canyon, Zuni Pueblo, Aztec Ruins and Salmon Ruins, as well as the Navajo Nation's Shiprock.
Aztec, NM • 888-543-4629 • NewMexico.org

North Platte/Lincoln County, NE
An 1866 Union Pacific rail town, North Platte is home to the world's largest railyard and a living history park about showman Buffalo Bill Cody.
1221 S. Dewey Suite A North Platte, NE 69101
800-955-4528 • VisitNorthPlatte.com

Oklahoma City, OK
Founded during the 1889 Land Run, Oklahoma City is home to the world's largest feeder livestock market, Stockyards City.
123 Park Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73102
800-225-5652 • OKCCVB.org

Oklahoma's Cherokee Nation
Founded in 1820, Cherokee Nation offers four cultural tours and 15 attractions, including Sequoyah's Cabin and the 1824 Fort Gibson.
777 W. Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015
877-779-6977 • CherokeeTourismOK.com

Oakley, KS
Shares pioneer history and commemorates the 1868 buffalo hunt that earned William F. Cody his "Buffalo Bill" moniker via Charlie Norton's grand sculpture.
216 Center Ave. Oakley, KS 67748
785-672-4862 • DiscoverOakley.com

Ogallala/Keith County, NE
An 1867 cowtown on the 1874 Great Western Cattle Trail, located at the crossroads of the Pony Express, Oregon/California and Texas Trails.
418 N. Spruce St. Ogallala, NE 69153
800-658-4390 • VisitOgallala.com

Pendleton, OR
Home to the 1909 woolen mills and 1910 Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton shares its Chinese and Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Indian heritage.
501 S. Main St. Pendleton, OR 97801
800-547-8911 • PendletonChamber.com

Prescott, AZ
Prescott, founded the year after the 1863 gold rush, offers museums and events sharing the territorial capital's history, and Whiskey Row.
117 W. Goodwin St. Prescott, AZ 86303
800-266-7534 • Visit-Prescott.com

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BEST HISTORIC GAMBLING CASINO

Gilpin Hotel Casino

The downtown district of Black Hawk, Colorado, should be more well known than it is. Historic buildings abound, saved by a rather popular frontier pasttime—gambling. When we asked our friend Tom Noel which one of these beauties is the best, he told us the Gilpin. If ever a place was saved through the process of casinoizing, this is it: the 1896 structure was crumbling apart after a 1990s fire . . . until the slot machines rolled in. One nice nod to history is the fact that the sign still reads: "The Gilpin Hotel."

READER'S CHOICE: Delta Saloon · Virginia City, NV

Riverton, WY
This 1906 rail town highlights the mountain men rendezvous, 1868 Shoshone reservation at Wind River and petroglyphs at nearby Castle Gardens.
213 W. Main St. Riverton, WY 82501
800-325-2732 • RivertonChamber.org

Russell County, KS
Formed in 1872, Russell County boasts pioneer history with the area's first log cabin, a restored 1872 period home and an 1898 stone church.
331 E. Wichita Ave. Russell, KS 67665
877-830-3737 • RussellCoKS.org

Sacramento, CA
Sacramento's Gold Rush-era attractions include the 1847 Sutter's Fort, a 28-acre state historic park and steam trains at the 1876 Central Pacific depot.
1608 I St. Sacramento, CA 95814
800-292-2334 • DiscoverGold.org

Santa Clarita, CA
Home to silent Westerns actor William S. Hart's former estate, 1842 gold discovery site in Placerita Canyon and the 1876 oil boomtown Mentryville.
23920 Valencia Blvd. Suite 100
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
661-286-4084 • VisitSantaClarita.com

Scotts Bluff, NE
Founded in 1900 and home to Scotts Bluff and Chimney Rock markers for Oregon, California and Mormon Trails pioneers.
1517 Broadway Suite 104 Scotts Bluff, NE 69361
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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
800-782-1117 • ScottsdaleCVB.com

Sidney, NE
An 1867 Union Pacific rail town, Sidney shares its role in Black Hills mining history and is home to an 1868 cemetery and 1867 Fort Sidney.
1115 13th Ave. Sidney, NE 69162
308-254-5300 • CityOfSidney.org

South Fork, CO
At the junction of Rio Grande and South Fork, this 1882 rail town leads you on a journey of the mining camp route Silver Thread Scenic Byway.
P.O. Box 1030 South Fork, CO 81154
800-571-0881 • SouthFork.org

St. Joseph, MO
A trading post in 1843, St. Joseph offers its founder Joseph Robidoux's home and is where Pony Express began and Jesse James ended.
109 S. 4th St. St. Joseph, MO 64501
800-604-4600 • StJoMo.com

Sublette County, WY
Celebrates the history of this fur trade center near the headwaters of the Green River on the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountains.
19 E. Pine St. Pinedale, WY 82941
888-285-7282 • SubletteChamber.com

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BEST TOWN FOR HISTORIC ENTERTAINMENT

Deadwood, SD

To this day, the tough frontier town of Deadwood, South Dakota, lives and breathes history and that extends into the town's entertainment. These are no amateur impersonators in Deadwood—these guys go all-out on authenticity and action to give visitors a show to remember. Don't miss the historic street shows where the town entertains as it educates with the re-enactment of Wild Bill Hickok's murder in 1876 and the trial of his killer, Jack McCall. Be sure to grab a spot on the curb—and don't miss the Gunslingers shoot-out on Main Street.

READER'S CHOICE: Tombstone, AZ

The Dalles, OR
Lewis & Clark camped in the Mill Creek area in 1805, and today, The Dalles region is considered the last stretch of the Oregon Trail.
404 W. 2nd St. The Dalles, OR 97058
800-255-3385 • TheDallesChamber.com

Tombstone, AZ
More than just the site of the 1881 O.K. Corral gunfight, this 1879 mining town also offers its original newspaper and boot hill cemetery.
P.O. Box 995 Tombstone, AZ 85638
888-457-3929 • TombstoneChamber.com

Toppenish, WA
Historical murals dot downtown Toppenish, a Washington city that pays tribute to its Yakama natives and Northern Pacific rail heritage.
504 S. Elm St. Toppenish, WA 98948
800-863-6375 • Toppenish.net

Trinidad, CO
An 1861 Santa Fe Trail town, Trinidad shares its history of the 1867 Christmas Day War, 1882 town marshal Bat Masterson and gold at Spanish Peaks.
136 W. Main St. Trinidad, CO 81082
719-846-9843 • HistoricTrinidad.com

Tucson, AZ
This 1854 town shares history about Hohokams and Spanish missionaries, classic Western films (Old Tucson Studios) and Wyatt Earp Vendetta (train depot).
100 S. Church Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701
800-638-8350 • VisitTucson.org

Umatilla, OR
This 1864 town along the banks of the Columbia River shares its history as a trade center during eastern Oregon's 1860s-70s gold rush.
100 Cline Ave. Umatilla, OR 97882
541-922-4825 • UmatillaOregonChamber.org

Utah Valley
Includes 1849 outpost-turned-town Provo, 1850 cattle ranch town Alpine, 1850 Mormon towns Lehi & Lindon, and Fremont rock art in 1857's Goshen.
111 S. University Ave. Provo, UT 84601
800-222-8824 • UtahValley.com

Utah/Idaho's Bear Lake
Experience the Oregon/California Trail in Idaho, the mountain man rendezvous spot in Utah and Mormon ranching history at Bear River Basin.
Bear Lake, ID / Garden City, UT
800-448-2327 • BearLake.org

Utah's Cache Valley
Offers a driving tour of sites related to the region's Northwestern Shoshone Indians (prehistoric), fur traders (1818) and Mormon pioneers (1852).
199 N. Main St. Logan, UT 84321
800-882-4433 • TourCacheValley.com

Virginia City, MT
Preserved in its gold mining boomtown state, this 1863 town offers living history events and is near a fellow Alder Gulch ghost town Nevada City.
P.O. Box 338 Virginia City, MT 59755
800-829-2969 • VirginiaCityMT.com

Wall, SD
On the edge of the Badlands since 1907, Wall offers sod dwellings at Prairie Homestead and is near Badlands park and Buffalo Gap grassland.
501 Main St. Wall, SD 57790
888-852-9255 • Wall-Badlands.com

Washington's Hells Canyon
Lewiston (ID) and Clarkston are gateways to North America's deepest river gorge, sharing Nez Perce etchings and Lewis & Clark history.
504 Bridge St. Clarkston, WA 99403
877-774-7248 • HellsCanyonVisitor.com

Washington's Lewis Clark Valley
Gold boomtowns, 1861 Lewiston and 1862 Clarkston, are on Lewis & Clark Trail, offer a Nez Perce cultural museum and near Hells Canyon.
502 Bridge St. Clarkston, WA 99403
800-933-2128 • LCValleyChamber.org

Weatherford, OK
Founded in 1892, the third Oklahoma land run, Weatherford is located on Route 66 and shares its railroad and agricultural heritage.
522 W. Rainey Ave. Room 224
Weatherford, OK 73096
800-725-7744 • WeatherfordChamber.com

Wichita, KS
Settled in 1868, this cowtown shares its history as a shipping point along the Chisholm Trail for hundreds of thousands of Texas Longhorns.
515 S. Main St. Suite 115 Wichita, KS 67202
800-288-9424 • GoWichita.com

Wickenburg, AZ
Talking sculptures share history of area still populated by dude ranches in the town spurred by Henry Wickenburg's 1863 discovery of Vulture Mine.
216 N. Frontier St. Wickenburg, AZ 85390
928-684-5479 • OutWickenburgWay.com

Williams/Grand Canyon, AZ
Gateway to Grand Canyon via the town's railway, Williams was founded in 1881 by trapper Bill Williams and shares its lumber and rail heritage.
200 W. Railroad Ave. Williams, AZ 86046
800-863-0546 • ExperienceWilliams.com

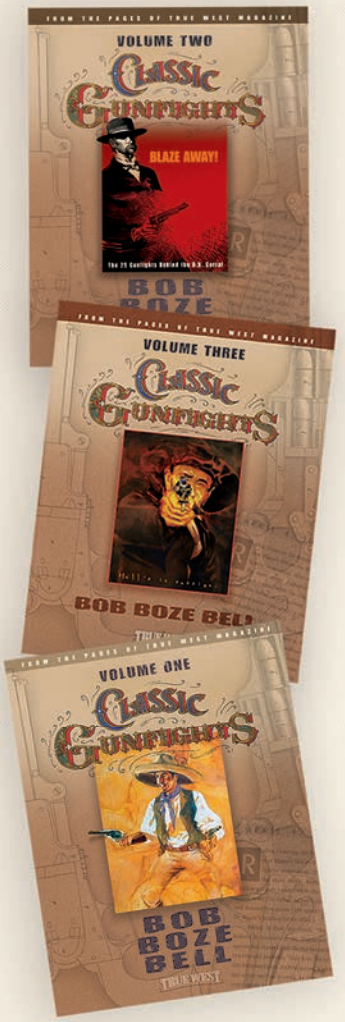
Winnemucca, NV
Shares the stories of 1830s fur trappers, Conestogas on Humboldt Trail and Butch Cassidy's bank robbery in 1850 town later named for Paiute chief.
50 W. Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, NV 89445
800-962-2638 • Winnemucca.com

Wyoming's Buffalo Bill's Cody & Yellowstone Country
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P.O. Box 2454 Cody, WY 82414
800-393-2639 • YellowstoneCountry.org
888-285-7282 • MountainManCountry.com

Yosemite/Mariposa County, CA
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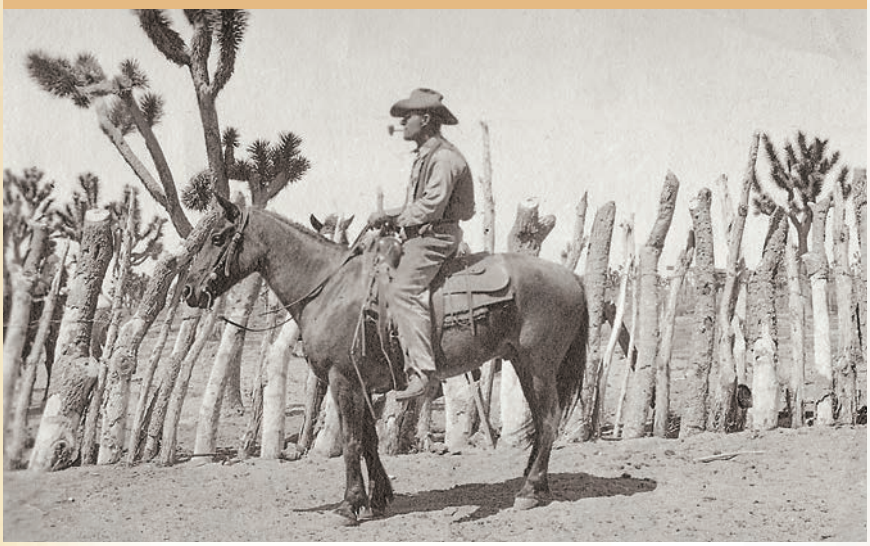
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Tap Duncan pauses inside a corral made of Joshua Tree trunks at Patterson Well on his Diamond Bar Ranch in northern Mohave County, Arizona. His full name is George Taplin (not Taplan, as it has been erroneously reported) Duncan.

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A political rally is being held in Tucker's Saloon in Bruneau, Idaho. After the speeches have finished, words are exchanged between two well-known local cowboys, Taplin Duncan and William Hayes. The two decide to go outside to settle their differences.

As Duncan walks through the swinging doors, he hears a pistol being cocked behind him. Realizing he is about to be shot in the back, Duncan pulls his pistol and turns, shooting three times. Hayes gets off three shots himself.

Duncan, described by a newspaper as an expert shot, fires three more times, hitting Hayes all three times near the heart.

Hayes fires three times as well, hitting Duncan in the belt buckle, which slows the bullet as it goes under the skin and slides around to lodge in his back.

Duncan, wounded in the gut, escapes, while Hayes attempts to run toward a door about 10 feet away, only to fall dead on the doorway step.



Tap Duncan always maintained he fought three adversaries during the gunfight in which he killed Hayes (the inquest only names Hayes). In the 1930s Duncan told a Mohave County cowboy, Choc Hamilton, how he got away: "I ran back into the bar, prying spent shells out of my gun. The bartender told everyone my gun was loaded and I'd shoot. I escaped out the back by wading through a canal and hiding under a tarp in the back of a wagon driven by a friend."

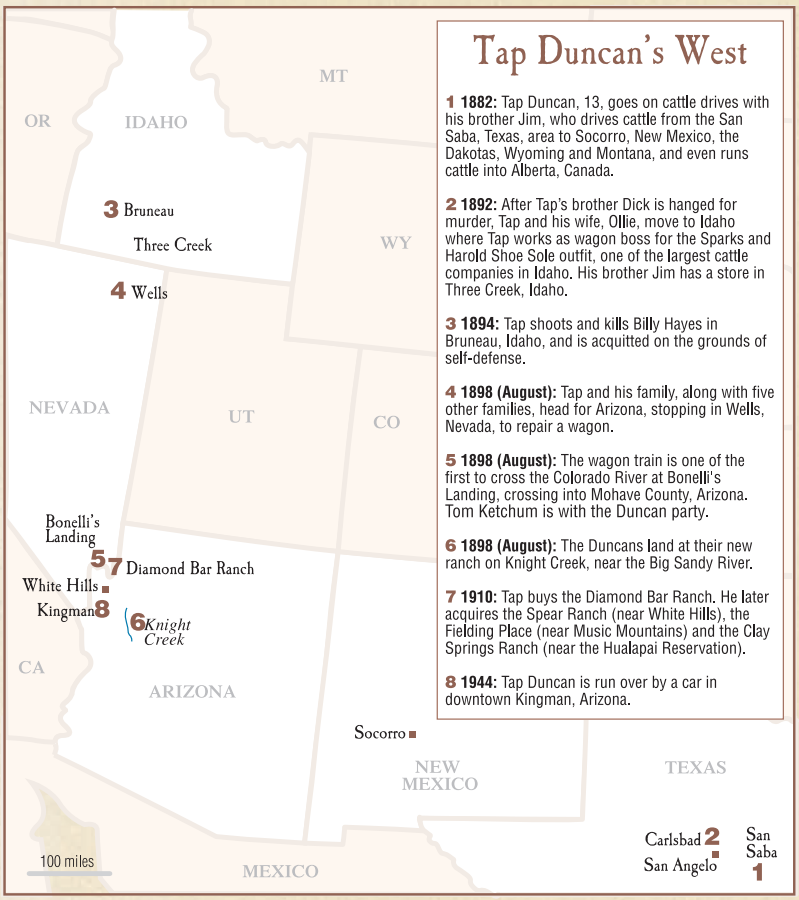
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Tucker's Saloon in Bruneau, Idaho, as it appeared in 1900. The gunfight erupted just outside the door at center left. Bill Hayes (left) was buried in the local cemetery, and his kin still live in the area. Although to them Tap Duncan is the bad guy, the news reported that Hayes was a "bad man."

– Courtesy Mary Hall-Bailey –



Tap Duncan has often been mentioned in connection to the Kid Curry shoot-out and suicide in 1904. Duncan was friends with the Ketchums (Tap's brother Bige married Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum's sister), and Kid Curry apparently used Tap Duncan as an alias. Tap is also mentioned in newspaper reports from Clayton, New Mexico, as rumors were rampant that a gang of cowboys led by Tap was planning to free Black Jack Ketchum before he could be hanged. No gang materialized, but it is interesting that the newspapers mentioned Tap.

Aftermath: Odds & Ends

A hearing was held at Tap Duncan's bedside on October 22. The court was "led to believe that William Hayes called the defendant out with the intention of killing him and that the defendant did the killing in self defense and therefore the court ordered the defendant discharged," Justice of the Peace William C. Schenck recorded in his ledger.

According to Duncan family lore, the dead man's son was being groomed to avenge his father's death. Duncan didn't want to kill a mere boy, so he went to the family and told them he was leaving the state, saying as he left: "You can have Idaho, but you S.O.B.'s better not follow me to Arizona."

Duncan purchased a new wagon to transport him and his wife, loaded their goods and herded a string of saddle horses toward Arizona. (According to Hayes family lore, Duncan stole the horses.) After stopping in Wells, Nevada, to fix the wagon, the Duncan wagon train crossed the Colorado River at Bonelli's Landing and headed into Arizona's Mohave County. Duncan often told the story that as the wagon train came through the towns of White Hills and Chloride, one of the cowboys would ride wide around the towns and meet the wagon on the other side. His name was Tom Ketchum.

Duncan acquired a reputation as a promoter (he cut a deal to have Buster Keaton film five shorts on his ranch in 1925). Over the years, he received many visitors, including legendary writer Louis L'Amour, who claimed Tap Duncan taught him everything he knew about "cowboying."

Duncan was run over by a car just off Route 66 in Kingman and died in 1944.

Recommended: *Bruneau Then and Now: A History of Bruneau, Idaho, 1811-2010* by Mary Hall-Bailey, published by Caxton Printers.



BY BOB BOZE BELL

Trailing Billy

Looking back at 21 years on the trail of a 21-year-old Kid.

Last October I made my umpteenth trip to New Mexico from Arizona where I live.

Like the preeminent Billy the Kid scholar Fred Nolan and master collector Bob McCubbin, I blame a book for leading me back to New Mexico. Not just any book, but the same book: *The Saga of Billy the Kid* by Walter Noble Burns. Of course, Bob and Fred read it long before I did, but the outcome has been the same. We are all addicted to trailing the Kid across the Southwest, but mainly at ground zero in Lincoln County where the Kid amassed the lion's share of his legendary fame.

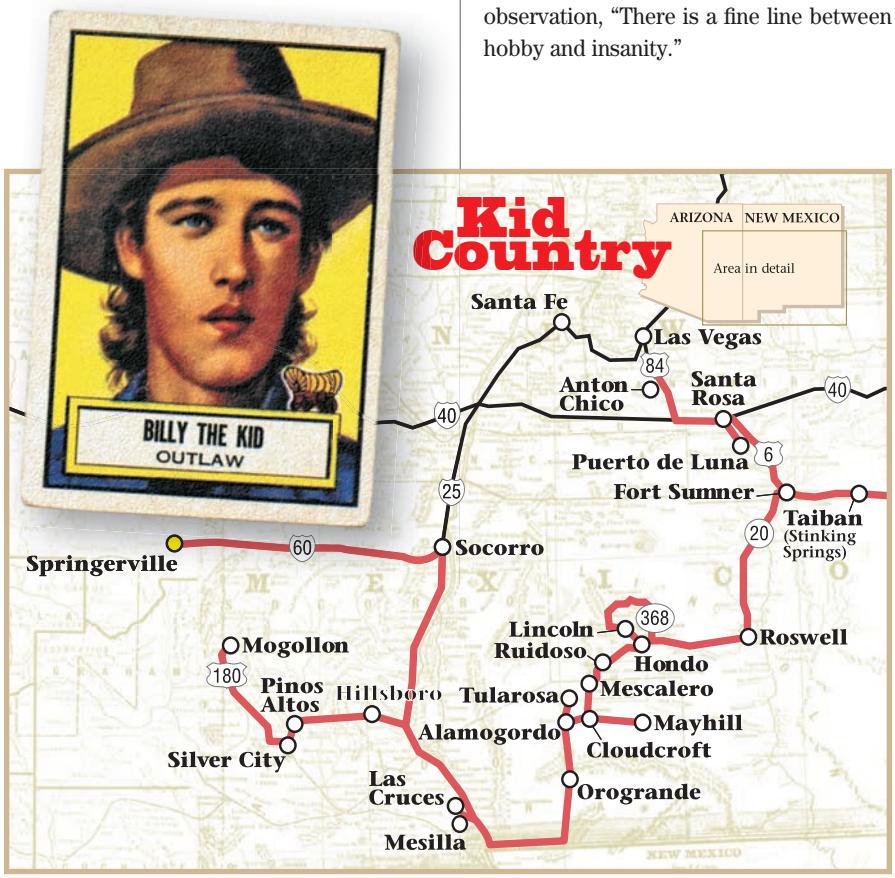
I took my first research trip to Billy the Kid Country in 1991. So basically I have been hunting the kid in earnest for the past 21 years. One year for every year of his life. Wow! Kind of amazing. This odd connection only means something to Kid Krazies like us.

In a concerted effort to walk where he walked and see what he saw, I have been down almost every road and trail the Kid took from Bonita, Arizona, to Seven Rivers, New Mexico, and Old Mesilla, Las Vegas and Puerto de Luna.

Not satisfied with the general public sites (warning: many of the historical markers are off by more than a little bit), the aforementioned Fred and Bob, along with numerous locals and Billy buffs, have helped me get to the sites that are on private property.

The late Joe Bowlin took me to Stinking Springs. Paul Northrop took me to Cook's Canyon and Tunstall's ranch (where we chartered an airplane and flew over the trail of Tunstall's last ride). Lew Jones showed me William Antrim's personal outhouse in Mogollon (Lew even salvaged a piece of the structure and made a plaque out of it, which hangs at my front door).

To say I'm a little Kid Krazy about this stuff is to channel Dave Barry's cogent observation, "There is a fine line between hobby and insanity."





Santa Fe, New Mexico, as it appeared in 1876. The Kid spent several months in the local jail on Water Street. Today it's a parking lot.

– All images True West Archives; all illustrations by Bob Boze Bell –

But on down the road we go. And if you follow my advice, you too can see everything I've seen, with the possible exception of the Luceros dragging a dead horse (read on).

The Kid Zone Highway

I have always approached the Kid Zone from Arizona. As the years have gone by, I have gravitated away from the freeways and almost exclusively to the back roads. My favorite route is to drive into New Mexico from Springerville. This road is serene with little traffic and plenty of high and lonesome grand vistas. Red Hill, Quemado, Pie Town, Datil and Magdalena glide by like a montage of classic Westerns scenery.

After a stop in Socorro for gas, I take a quick 10-mile dip down I-25 and then exit at San Antonio, which, ironically, is the hometown of the founder of the Hilton Hotel chain (hard to believe Nicky Hilton grew up in this small Mexican community). Early on, my family discovered the Owl Bar & Restaurant, famous for its green chile cheeseburgers, and we have made it a family tradition to stop here on our way to Lincoln. About five years ago, the Buckhorn opened up catty corner from the Owl, and they are fierce competitors. The Owl is owned by Republicans, and the Buckhorn is owned by Democrats, which gives new meaning to green vs. red chile.

Virtually every trip I see the same old windmills, worse for wear, but still standing. Meanwhile, the jagged

landscapes, like Trinity Flats and the Malpais (Badlands), never fail to jog my memory back to previous trips. Invariably I'm haunted by the fact that the Kid saw these same ridges and valleys, rode through them with the Boys, laughing and shooting up the landscape.

I love to stop at all the roadside attractions. Of course, my own father rarely stopped on our annual summer trips to Iowa to visit the family farm, but when he did stop, it made a huge impression on me as a kid. A rare stop at the Longhorn Museum, 43 miles east of Albuquerque, in 1959, resulted in me buying an alleged photo of Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett standing side by side. I paid a quarter for it. When I found out it was a fake (in the pages of this magazine), I went on the warpath to find the real Billy the Kid.

I'm still looking.



Heaven is Just Above the Trees
One of my favorite Billy the Kid drives is the winding mountain road leading up to Mescalero from Tularosa. It is especially charming in October, when the trees along the riverbanks are turning golden and the adobe ranch houses and shanties tucked into the side canyons beckon with their sun-baked, century-old secrets.

It was 1984 before I made it to the Kid's grave in Fort Sumner. By then, I had kids of my own. After hitting hail at Vaughn, we arrived too late to get into the Old Fort Sumner Museum. I went outside to the cage that surrounds the Kid's alleged last resting place. As I stood there, trying to take it all in, I had the strange feeling of finally making it home. It was dusk, and the wind was howling from another summer storm rolling in. I didn't want to leave, but my wife and kids wanted to go. Coincidentally, we were on our way to Iowa to visit the family farm. Some things never change.

Pretty Pecos Plazas

The beauty of this *Renegade Road* is that most of the Southwestern towns the Kid frequented are still small enough to get a genuine feel for his time and place.

None more so than Anton Chico. Pat Garrett got married in the church here. Locals joke that when the first Mrs. Garrett was asked if she would take the long-legged pig farmer and future lawman for her wedded husband, there was a long pause. Then she said, in a small, squeaky voice, "Sí." (For the full humor, you have to hear it told by the locals.)

Another untouched-by-time plaza is Puerto de Luna, where Billy the Kid





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A great big cowgirl on the side of a building in East Las Vegas, New Mexico. Billy the Kid spent time in Las Vegas gambling, and he was brought to the town's jail in December 1880 by Sheriff Pat Garrett. The pair had a standoff with the locals at the train station on their way out of town.

had his last Christmas dinner at the Grzelechowski adobe (still standing, proudly, but on private land). While you are in this area, I highly recommend you make it a point to visit Old Mesilla, Tularosa, Mayhill, Monticello, Pinos Altos, Mogollon, Hillsboro and Orogrande. While all of these towns may not have been directly involved in the Kid's history, each one has the spirit of his time. I guarantee you will discover an insight to his life just by being there and experiencing the rich adobe history of each and every place.

The Center of the Billy Universe

Lincoln is the hub of the wheel, or "ground zero" for all things Billy. Make no mistake, you will find a ton of history soaked into the narrow, main street of this tiny town. It sits here, a century plus later, almost exactly as the Kid saw it in his time. No gas station, no video stores, no modern signs of any kind. It is my favorite Old West site, period. In fact, it is one of my favorite spots on the planet.

Fred Nolan has called it the "deadliest street in America." Beyond the Kid and his illustrious shoot-outs on this street, numerous killings before and during the Lincoln County War happened here. It's all hard to imagine today in this peaceful and idyllic spot.

As you travel through these towns, you'll start hearing the Billy family connections. Almost everybody in New

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The distinctive Organ Mountains loom over Las Cruces and Old Mesilla. The Kid, no doubt, viewed their jagged visages many times in his short life.

Mexico has one. A gas station attendant near Cubero offered this: "See that cabin back there. That was the hideout of Billy the Kid. When things got too hot over in Lincoln, this is where he came."

When I politely tried to tell the pump jockey that no evidence supports the idea that the Kid ever made it this far west, the homegrown "expert" waves me off with, "How do you know? Were you here then?"

I'm always tempted to say, "You sure know a lot for being so damned dumb," but I never do. Besides, as my friend Leon Metz so succinctly puts it, "What people choose to believe is a fact in itself."

In Ruidoso, an antique shop owner, a pleasant Hispanic woman, asked what brought me to the mountain. "Billy the Kid," I told her.

She smiled and immediately related a family story that one time, while the Kid was trapped by a posse, her grandmother had hid the Kid under her skirts.

At the time it seemed an odd story to me. I tried to imagine just how big that skirt was to hide an outlaw. As it turns out, this is a common story in New Mexico, and I've since heard it a half-dozen times. Often, in a variation on a theme, the Kid is hidden in a flour barrel, while the grandmother throws off the posse, but the message is the same: The native people loved the Kid so much, they would lie to the authorities for him.

> "I don't understand people who aren't interested in Billy the Kid. I would rather not be around them."
>
> —Publisher Emeritus Robert G. McCubbin

Outlaw Mountains

Climbing up to Cloudcroft is a steep endeavor. It is hard to imagine any horse-drawn transport making these steep grades. These rugged mountains have swallowed up plenty of men. The cowboy brother of Sophie Poe, wife of the lawman who succeeded Pat Garrett as sheriff, was murdered by unknown marauders somewhere up here at a line shack. He was not the first, nor the last. These mountains hide many bloody secrets, from the Lincoln County War to the Apache Wars, right on down to the present border troubles.

As crude as it may sound, that brutal legacy makes these steep canyons much more appealing to me than the more touristy parts of northern New Mexico. These are true outlaw mountains. A palpable sense of *Ride the High Country* hangs in the air here. Don't linger long, if you know what's good for you, the wind says, loud and clear.

More Wild Tales

Every location in the Kid Zone has Billy the Kid folklore. In 1991, I was at a trading post near Vaughn, when an old women leaned over the counter and confided in me the following: "Old Johnson [a black man from Texas, and she didn't use the term "black"] told me a rider came through here, ridin' on a ridge out yonder. The rider told ol' Johnson to go into town and buy him some breeches, tobacco and lemon drops. He did. Came right in here and bought 'em. Then he took it all out to the ridge. Later he found out it was Billy the Kid."

Maybe the Kid really did favor lemon drops, or maybe the originator of the tall tale is the one with the sweet tooth.

¿Quien sabe?

What I do know is that you can find credible history in quite a few museums along these roads.

For starters, the entire town of Lincoln is a walking museum that you have to experience to believe. The Tunstall Store, the courthouse and the Montaño Store are all perfectly kept and restored. Also stop by Casa de Patron and marvel at the "prison" where the Kid was held for a time during the Lincoln County War. This used to be my headquarters when I landed in Lincoln; it was a popular B&B for several decades, but Cleis and Jerry Jordan have since retired.

The Wortley Hotel is an excellent place to stay; in addition, it is about the only place open for breakfast and lunch (try the green chile). Down the street, the Ellis Store is quite a treat. Tell them *True West* sent you, and they will pull out several artifacts to regale you with the history of their storied property. Every meal I've had there is wonderful, and the setting is quite historic as well.

One of the saddest losses to our history is the complete eradication of Old Fort Sumner, washed away by several Pecos floods in the 1930s. But the museum in new Fort Sumner is a must see, as is the gravesite museum. Stinking Springs is east of town about 12 miles and is on private property, but if you join the Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang, I'll bet you will get a personal tour of the site.

Numerous sites around Lincoln could keep you busy for weeks. The fine folks at the museum will steer you right. Also, check in with our friend Drew Gomber, who gives tours of all the spots and is a fountain of knowledge about the area. Just for grins, ask Drew to tell you about his own gunfight in Lincoln, which he wants us to feature as a *Classic Gunfight*.

In Ruidoso Downs, stop by the Billy the Kid Casino. For one thing, the real Kid is probably prouder of his name on a casino than anything else on the trail. In Fort Sumner, he and Pat Garrett were known as "Long Juan" (that would be Garrett, being so tall) and "Little Casino" (the Kid). Ruidoso also has a nice museum, the Ruidoso River Museum, which exhibits some worthy Billy the Kid items.

The Plaza in Mesilla is another wonderful little gem on the Billy the Kid trail because it's so unchanged. Here, you can easily see how this place looked when the Kid was being tried and convicted for the 1878 killing of Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady in the adobe building on the corner of the plaza. You can imagine the Kid seated in a war wagon for the long ride to Lincoln where he was to be hanged. The Kid escaped that fate, of course, when he broke out of the Lincoln courthouse. Sheriff Pat Garrett got him in the end, though, shooting him dead at Fort Sumner on July 14, 1881.

Many believe the Kid cursed all the towns he operated in, but the bad luck of towns like Lincoln and Anton Chico is what makes them treasures to us today. Check them all out. You'll be glad you did.

Bob Boze Bell is the executive editor of *True West* Magazine and the author of numerous books, including *The Illustrated Life and Times of Billy the Kid*.



The Luceros drag a dead horse down the main drag in Anton Chico (right). I took this shot in 1991, as I was interviewing a local. I heard a strange noise and turned just in time to see the macabre sight. The inset photo was taken at sunrise on the same part of the street about 15 minutes prior; funny how quickly the mood of a place can change! Unfortunately, most of the buildings shown here have since fallen or been torn down.





June 1994: Excited to be at the Owl Café (top, from left) Deena Bell, Thomas Bell and Bob Boze Bell. (Bottom) Same booth, on the way to the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso Downs, on October 11, 2012.

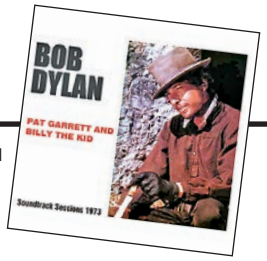
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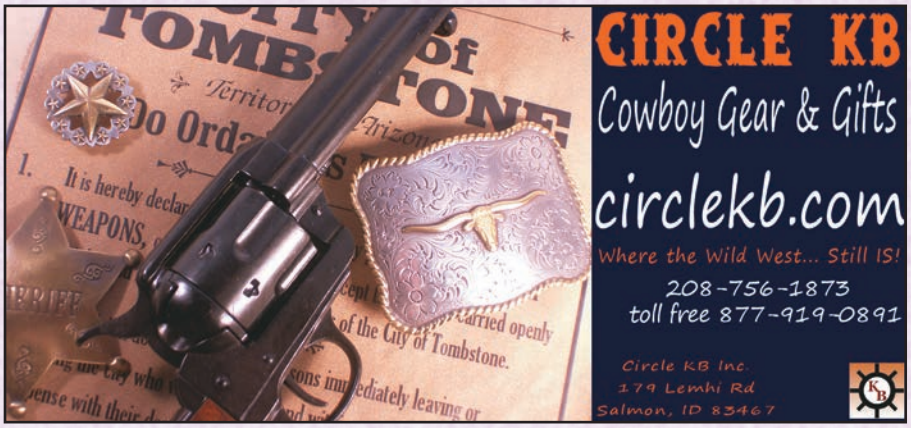
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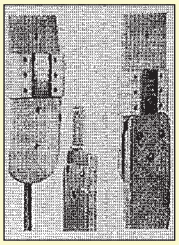
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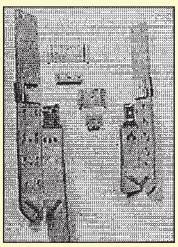
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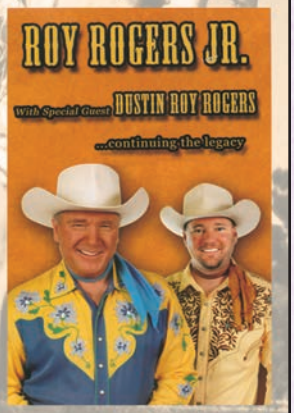


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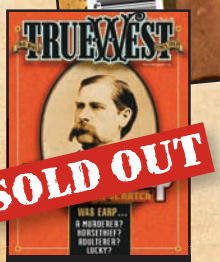

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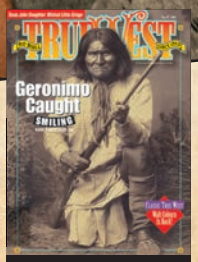
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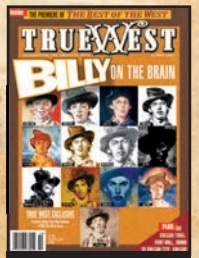
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Earp at the Capitol?

Did any Old West lawmen also work as preachers?

Tommy Allen
Paris, Texas

Not many come to mind. Pierre Bernard Hill was a Presbyterian minister who also served as the first chaplain of the Texas Rangers (starting in 1923). He established five churches in the San Antonio area and earned the title "Shepherd of the Hills." He was also the author of "The Ranger's Prayer."

As Capt. Hill of the Texas Rangers, he spent time in the field taming some tough Texas towns, like Rusk and Kilgore, with a pistol on his hip and a Bible in his hand. In his boots and hat, Hill looked more like a mild mannered rancher. On Sunday, he put his pistol aside to preach—then after worship, he strapped it on again. His sermons to soldiers and Rangers were plain talk, something that appealed to fighting men.

What can you tell me about the badges of the Arizona Rangers?

Dennis Moore
Wickenburg, Arizona

I wrote to my good friend Bill O'Neal, author of *The Arizona Rangers*. He says, the "badges were designated captain, lieutenant, sergeant (there were four of those), and then one, two, three, four, etc. (not 'private'). There were only 20 numbered badges, and I've never seen any record of assigned badges.



"Once a Ranger resigned or was promoted to sergeant or officer, he turned in his numbered badge, and it was issued to his replacement. Same with sergeants, lieutenants and captains."



Henry August Schwabe's painting depicts an Indian attack on New Ulm, Minnesota, that took place on August 19, 1862, during the Dakota War. Chief Little Crow, the leader of the uprising, is shown in the circa 1862 inset photo.

– Courtesy Library of Congress –

In appearance, the badges were pretty straightforward—a five-pointed star with the rank (or number) at top, then Arizona and Rangers on the succeeding lines.

What was the 1862 Dakota War?

Tom Redmond
Delano, Minnesota

It was a tragic conflict of cultures, with two different ways of life trying to occupy the same land.

The Santee Sioux, weakened by generations of warfare with the Chippewa, made a treaty and ended up selling their hunting grounds while retaining a small reservation.

These were tough times for the Santee. Efforts by the government to turn them into farmers produced frustration among them. Unscrupulous traders kept them debauched. Still they resisted resorting to violence—even when the advent of the Civil War gave them an opening with the removal of federal troops from Minnesota.

On August 17, 1862, some Santee youths dared one another to demonstrate their courage—and five settlers were murdered. Then Chief Little Crow reluctantly agreed to lead other Santees in a war against the whites. At dawn on August 18, they spread across the countryside, killing, raping, pillaging and burning. It was one of the worst cases of savagery in the history of uprisings. By evening some 400 settlers had been slain.

The 5th Minnesota Infantry rushed to the agency, but was cut to pieces, losing half their men. The survivors retreated to Fort Ridgely where, on August 22, they came under attack by some 800 warriors. Although outnumbered, the garrison was armed with howitzers, forcing Little Crow and his warriors to retreat. Another defeat at New Ulm turned the tide, but not before some 800 settlers were dead. A series of battles finally ended the uprising.

A commission of questionable legality convened and prepared charges. On

November 3, it sentenced 303 Santee to death. President Abraham Lincoln reviewed the cases and commuted most of the sentences to prison terms. The remaining 38 were hanged in Mankato in December, the largest mass execution in U.S. history.

Unfortunately, many of the real perpetrators, knowing their guilt, took to the hills and got away. Little Crow was killed the following June near Hutchinson. The rest of the tribe was expelled from the region.

I recently visited the Arizona Peace Officer Memorial at the plaza in front of the state capitol in Phoenix. Was Wyatt Earp the model for the statue?

Vanessa Keller
Scottsdale, Arizona

As a charter member of the Arizona Peace Officer Memorial Board, I recruited artist Wes Chapman to bid on the quarter-million dollar project in 1986. Gordon Selby, a retired Department of Public Safety major and retired Phoenix City Police captain, served as the model for the statue. Selby was a local legend during his years as an Arizona lawman. Today he resides in Payson.

That being said, many of us cannot ignore the striking resemblance the statue bears to Wyatt Earp.

This sure looks like Wyatt Earp to us.

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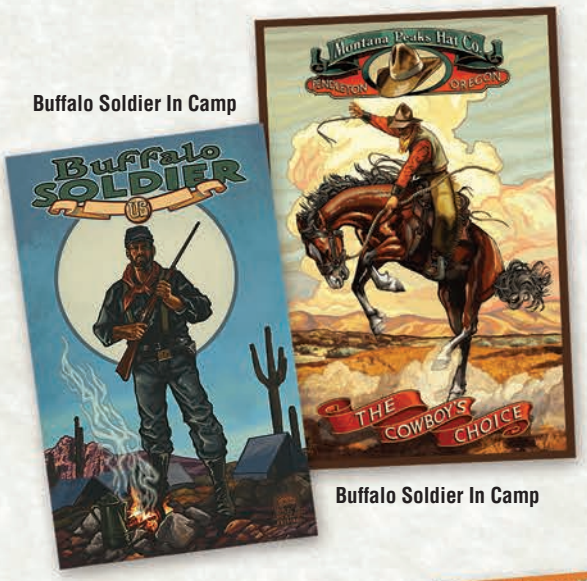
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Larry McMurtry

"Larry McMurtry bugs the hell out of me. He set out to 'demystify' the West and strip it bare—what kind of respect is that? But then he writes *Lonesome Dove*, one of the most fabulous books about the West. How does that happen? You've got to be some talent to do what he's done for Western literature."

That's how *True West* Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell reflects on our first-ever True Westerner of the Year.

Or as historian Paul Andrew Hutton puts it, "Anybody who loves books that much, I love, no matter how cranky he is or how much I disagree with his views on the West."

McMurtry is the 76-year-old Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the classic *Lonesome Dove* and nearly 30 other novels, and to this day he helps keep the Old West in the minds of people around the world with most anything he does.

He showed that again in 2012 when he made national headlines by auctioning off 300,000 used books from the stock of his Archer City, Texas, chain Booked Up, an event that fans and book lovers from around the country flocked to attend.

The year also saw McMurtry release *Custer*, his take on the life of one of the great figures in Western and American history, George Armstrong Custer.

The book has stirred debate and received criticism for historical inaccuracies, but Hutton says McMurtry is not a historian and *Custer* should be regarded as a "thought piece." Regardless of any controversy, you can't deny the man continues to be hugely influential on conversations of the West. In a time when the Old West isn't prominent in the mainstream, we tip our hat to an author who can still fan the flames and promote national discussion on a topic as thoroughly exhausted as Custer.

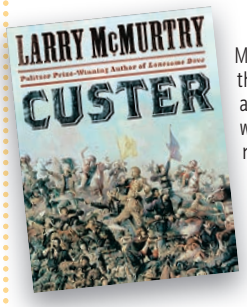


Larry McMurtry relaxes in his Archer City, Texas, Booked Up store with Miss Lexi, whose mother has worked at the store for two decades. In front of the stocked bookshelves behind him, McMurtry displays his 2007 *True West* Best of the West award honoring his bookstore.

– Courtesy Booked Up –

We may be luckier than we realize to have McMurtry as an Old West icon. In the November 2012 issue of *Texas Monthly*, the man who sported blue jeans to the 2006 Academy Awards and spurned the glitzy after parties for an evening stroll down Hollywood Boulevard to see shuttered bookstores of bygone days, conceded it wasn't until later in his career that he tackled the Old West; and he did so to demythologize it. McMurtry said he learned, though, that Old West fans *want* the myth. The smash hit that was *Lonesome Dove* only enhanced the very myths McMurtry had set out to destroy.

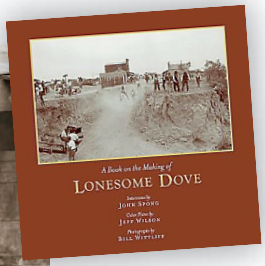
Lucky for us fans, that revelation didn't prevent McMurtry from further works on the Old West, and here he is, as we enter 2013, still a force on the international stage and still a titan of American letters.



McMurtry stoked the fires of debate among historians with his 2012 release, *Custer*.

– Courtesy Simon & Schuster –





Robert Duvall and Robert Urich kick back and take a break while on the set of *Lonesome Dove* (left). This is one of the memorable behind-the-scenes photos from *A Book on the Making of Lonesome Dove*, a must-own for any fan of the series.

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Horseman, Pass By (1961) - McMurtry's first novel is a stark examination of a moral frontier cattleman and his unscrupulous stepson. Paul Newman starred as the stepson in the film adaptation, *Hud*.

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The Last Picture Show (1966) - The best novel ever written on the end of the Western dream. The semi-autobiographical novel takes place in a small Texas town, in the early 1950s, and was adapted into a film nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.

Lonesome Dove (1985) - Simply his most iconic work. In the words of Robert Duvall: "The British can play their Hamlet and King Lear, I'll play Gus McCrae any time."

Books: A Memoir (2008) - The man just loves books. The bibliophile professes his passion for the written word in this intimate memoir that historian Paul Hutton ranks as an all-time favorite that even brought him to tears.

TRAIL TO *LONESOME DOVE*

1963: The Paul Newman-starring *Hud*, based on Larry McMurtry's first novel, *Horseman, Pass By*, is released.

1972: John Wayne turns down McMurtry's script *Streets of Laredo*. He tells Peter Bogdanovich the reason why: "Well, it's kind of an end-of-the-West Western, and I'm not ready yet to hang up my spurs."

1976: The Duke stars in an "end-of-the-West Western," *The Shootist*, in which the cancer-stricken gunfighter gets killed in a bloody shoot-out.

1985: McMurtry resurrects his *Streets of Laredo* script into a novel, *Lonesome Dove*, which becomes a bestseller. Numerous editions have been published over the years.

1986: McMurtry earns a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *Lonesome Dove*.

1988: In his hometown of Archer City, Texas, McMurtry opens up his used bookstore, Booked Up, pulling together stock from other bookstores he has owned.

1988: Before the premiere of *Lonesome Dove*, screenwriter Bill Wittliff donates his photographs from the miniseries (and helps gather film artifacts, such as Gus's hat) to his alma mater, Texas State University-San Marcos.

1989: Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones star in the four-part CBS miniseries *Lonesome Dove*. It wins seven Emmys, the Television Critics Assn. award for "Program of the Year," a Peabody and two Golden Globes (Duvall snags one for his role as Gus).

1993: McMurtry releases his novel *Streets of Laredo*. Technically, it is the last in what will be a four-part series, as it is set in the early 1890s (*Lonesome Dove*, set in the mid-to-late 1870s, is third). Jon Voight stars as Capt. Woodrow Call in *Return to Lonesome Dove*, an unofficial spin-off that McMurtry has no affiliation with and does not condone.

1994: *Lonesome Dove: The Series* airs on CTV.

1995: McMurtry's novel *Dead Man's Walk* is published. It is acknowledged as the first in the series, since it is set in the early 1840s. *Lonesome Dove: The Outlaw Years*, a follow up to the 1994 series, airs. *Streets of Laredo* airs as a miniseries.

1996: *Dead Man's Walk* airs on CBS.

1997: McMurtry releases *Comanche Moon* novel. Set in the 1850s-60s, it is the second novel in the series.

2000: John M. Reilly releases *Larry McMurtry: A Critical Companion*.

2007: Bill Wittliff shares his photographs from the *Lonesome Dove* miniseries in an acclaimed photography book.

2008: *Comanche Moon* airs on CBS.

2009: In his first memoir, *Books*, McMurtry admits that, since the mid-1970s, he has seen himself more as a bookseller than a writer. In his second memoir, *Literary Life*, McMurtry acknowledges that the Lonesome Dove Baptist Church near Ponder, Texas, inspired the title for his trail-driving book. Two years after first publication, the Wittliff Gallery releases an anniversary edition of *A Book of Photographs from Lonesome Dove*.

2010: McMurtry writes about the miniseries in his third memoir, *Hollywood*. He believes his aging agent Irving Lazar cost him at least $15 million in *Lonesome Dove* royalties, yet adds, "But I loved him anyway and so did many others."

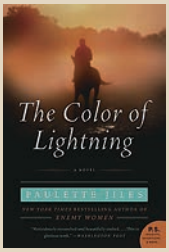
2012: Written by John Spong and featuring photographs by Bill Wittliff, *A Book on the Making of Lonesome Dove* is published by University of Texas Press. In the "Last Book Sale," playing off of his novel *The Last Picture Show*, McMurtry auctions off about 300,000 of his 450,000 volumes and closes three of his book storefronts. One Booked Up store remains open.

IN THE WORKS

Larry McMurtry is currently working on two more screenplays, collaborating with his long-time writing partner Diana Ossana.



McMurtry and Ossana are adapting the acclaimed S.C. Gwynne book *Empire of the Summer Moon*, which will bring Comanche warrior Quanah Parker to the big screen.



The duo will also adapt Paulette Jiles's *The Color of Lightning*, which is loosely based on the factual tale that inspired the classic Western *The Searchers*.

EARLIER COLLABORATIONS

2008 The *Lonesome Dove* saga continued in this miniseries based on the second book in the series.







2005 The next year, McMurtry took home his only Oscar (while wearing blue jeans!), which honored his work with Ossana in adapting the screenplay for the groundbreaking film.

2002 Though not on par with *Lonesome Dove*, the Hallmark Channel's *Johnson County War* was still a solid, epic Western miniseries.





1996 Oscar winner F. Murray Abraham starred in *Dead Man's Walk*, which brought us the pre-*Lonesome Dove* days of Gus and Call.



1995 *Streets of Laredo* captured the epic beauty of McMurtry's 1993 novel through its award-winning cinematography.

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When I'm credited as a "horse whisperer," I have to bite my tongue and try to maintain composure. I've spent over 60 years diligently studying, plus thousands of hours developing my horse training skills. Mother Nature didn't just hand them to me.

I've been a metal fabricator, a welder, a forklift operator and a spray painter. I can set up and run a 10-foot gate shear, a 400-ton press brake and a four post, 400-ton punch press. About 10 years ago, I retired from AlliedSignal aerospace company as a quality assurance engineer. Hey! I had to somehow support my real life . . . cowboys, horses and the Old West.

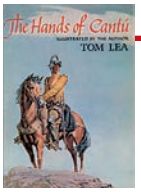
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For my money, the best Western ever is *Monte Walsh*. It graphically depicts the frustrations of the old-time, open range cowboys when their life was challenged by Eastern money and corporate ranching, fences and Industrial Revolution technologies. And it has a darned good shoot-out.

Nobody knows that my major in college was Commercial Art and Interior Decorating.

My daddy always told me a lot of things that didn't seem relevant . . . 'til I had kids of my own.

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One of Lee Anderson's favorite portrayals of vaqueros in historical fiction can be found in Tom Lea's 1964 novel *The Hands of Cantú*, which covers an "equine academy without equal" at the 1580 Mexican estate of Don Vito Cantu.



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Some people don't like my message. Yeah, well, I read somewhere once that, "All souls criticize that which they do not understand."

My biggest influences were my parents. Mom, with her antique dolls and restored Victorian furniture, and Dad, with his Model "A" Fords, taught me an appreciation for people and technologies that existed before I was born.

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