

BUCKSKIN BULLETIN



German born artist **Thomas Nast** provided many illustrations for **Harpers Weekly** magazine during the Civil War and for many years afterwards. This image, expressing the joy of a family reunion with a furloughed soldier -husband, father and son, was part of a composite for the magazine in 1863.

Nast was born September 26, 1840 and died December 7, 1902. He was a popular American caricaturist and editorial cartoonist, often considered to be the "Father of the American Political Cartoon".



WI Chairman, Bonney MacDonald

CHAIRMAN'S GREETING

Greetings from the Home Ranch! The holidays are upon us, and I hope this finds each of you enjoying the spirit of the season – be it in snowy or sunny lands!

Since this is the holiday season, awards and dues season is not far away. Please see the announcement in this issue for details on the awards and dues packets that will be going out to each in February 2025 – these forms will be sent to each rep by email and USPS. They will also be posted on the website, so that you can bring them out and send them in. We had another record number of books and articles in this last cycle, and I'm sure we'll be seeing much the same this year. We look forward to seeing your work from 2024! To corral and posse reps, please be sure to send back the contact sheets to us, so we can keep in touch with you throughout the year!

I know that many of you have exciting programs planned for 2025, and we wish you the best – be they in person or in a Zoom setting. I also want to announce here – as you'll see elsewhere in the Bulletin – that plans for the 2025 Gather are in the works!

Thank you to Cal Larive and all members of the hosting Jedediah Smith Corral in Hot Springs, South Dakota. We'll be gathering Thursday September 13 – Saturday, September 15 to learn about South Dakota's Western history, to tour Deadwood, and to enjoy fellowship together over a fun-filled three days! We hope you will put it on your calendars!! See announcement elsewhere in the Bulletin for more details

Happy Trails, Merry Christmas, and all best for the holidays –

Bonney MacDonald
 Chairman, Westerners International



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REMINDER TO ALL SHERIFFS AND MEMBERS!

Sheriffs: Please remember to forward the Buckskin Bulletin to all of your corral or posse members. And please keep us up to date on your contact information – we want to stay in touch and we always appreciate all of your updates, newsletters, and publications!

All Members: Please be sure that your corral and posse sheriffs have your current email address so they can forward the Buckskin Bulletin to you! We want to be sure you're in the loop!

The Buckskin Bulletin comes out four times a year. It's emailed to all sheriffs so that they can email it to their posse or corral members. The current Bulletin is also always available on the front page of the Westerners

AWARDS AND DUES PACKETS COMING IN FEBRUARY 2025

Awards and dues packets will go out to the sheriff of each corral or posse by US mail and by email in February 2025, as usual; awards will be for books, articles, programs, and poetry from the 2024 year. They will also be posted on the WI website for your convenience

Dues and Contact Sheets are respectfully requested by May 1, 2025.

The awards submission deadline will be May 15, 2025.

Please be sure to get those Contact Sheets to us; without your addresses, we can't keep in touch or email the Buckskin Bulletin to you!

We thank you in advance for sending in your dues. These monies fund all kinds of good things in Westerners – from the basics of keeping the lights on and the copier working, to the Bulletin, the office staff and supplies, the annual awards and scholarship monies, participation in Western History Association, and more. As with the last dues cycle, we know that some corrals have had challenges with membership and with meeting in person; so, if that applies in your case, just let us know. We're happy work with you and we understand! In the meantime, thank you for your membership and dedication to this wonderful organization!



NOTICE OF EMAIL SCAM ATTEMPTS

In the category of "Why can't people find better things to do?"

Or "Why can't scammers just go away?!"

The Home Ranch has heard from five members who have received an email in which the sender requests that the recipient buy gift cards and send money. These emails have my name erroneously listed at the bottom. They are, of course, definitely scams and should be deleted.

Please know that none of us at the Home Ranch would ever, ever send an email requesting money like this. I have contacted our university technology people at IT Services, and they say that the problem with letting these emails get by might be with the server. So we are looking into it and are sorry that any of you had to receive these emails.

In this case, and in general, always be on alert for such scams. One sure giveaway is always the email address of the sender. You have and will continue only to see emails from my personal university address (bmacdonald@wtamu.edu), from Delinda King, WI Secretary/Treasurer (delinda.king70@gmail.com), or from the Westerners' email address.

When there is so much to concentrate on in this world, it's discouraging, not to mention annoying, to have to be bothered by people out there who want to scam us. But they're out there! So be extra careful and let me know if other problems come up. I can teach writing and literature; give enthusiastic talks on the West; and ride horses, gather cows, and even rope sometimes; but I dang-sure ain't very good at solving technology problems, so I'm glad the university is going to provide assistance! Again, let me know if you have further problems.

Thank you!



Hear ye, Hear ye!

The 2025 Westerners International Gather will be held

THURSDAY, SEPT 18 - SATURDAY, SEPT 20

(With early registration available Wed afternoon, Sept 17)

**Hosted by Cal Larive, Sheriff, and members of the
Jedediah Smith Corral**

in beautiful

Hot Springs, South Dakota

So hitch up y'er wagons, git y'erself a mule or pony, and travel to South Dakota this fall!! You won't want to miss it! Cal is planning fascinating programs on Western history in the area, a trip to Mt. Rushmore and Deadwood with historical presentations, and a Saturday banquet complete with fun music. You won't want to miss the fellowship, learning, and fun! Watch the next Bulletin for registration details; registration will be available online as well as in downloadable forms that you can fill out and mail in!

Contact Cal Larive, Sheriff, Jedediah Smith Corral for questions/information. He's excited about planning the event and would be delighted to hear from you!

605-891-3144 or callarive@yahoo.com

Have a look at the Corral's website at: www.jscorral.com

CORRAL NEWS



CORRAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to the corrals and posses that send us information on exciting and fun activities and publications. We always love to hear what y'all are doing, and we encourage members to email updates to us at the Home Ranch. It's always interesting for members in other corrals and posses to see your events!

(Left photo) **Ed Benz**, also known as Bat Masterson, delivers a stirring presentation to the **Palo Duro Corral** regarding his many exploits as a gunslinger, poker player and cowman.

(Right photo) **Brian Dillon** of the **Los Angeles Corral** will present the December 2024 Round-Up Lecture. He will, in his own words "share a recapitulation of my misspent life as an archaeologist working in five (5) different new world countries over the past 52 years. Brian is seen here exploring ruins in Central America in the early 1970's.



The **Cochise County Corral** held their TRAIL RIDE AT APACHE PASS on November 30, 2024. Author/Historian **Doug Hocking** led the group on a 3-mile hike to Overland Mail Sites in Apache Pass. Doug has written well-received books and articles on the 1861 Incident at Apache Pass and on the Butterfield operations in eastern Arizona

Talks were presented at:

- The site of the February 1861 wagon train massacre and hanging
- The trail in Siphon Canyon
- Lieutenant George Bascom
- The Overland Mail Station
- Tom Jeffords -Chiricahua Agency
- Site of the 1862 Battle of Apache Pass
- Apache Spring

Great News! The new **Pine Ridge Corral** is underway in northwestern Nebraska. **John Rotness** is the sheriff. They are having a special meeting on February 9 for potential Westerners in the area. Their speaker will be **Chief John Spotted Tail**. He is a direct descendent of Spotted Tail and also Red Cloud. Meeting times are noon at the Chadron Country Kitchen, 1250 W 10th Street, Chadron, Nebraska. John's number is 308-207-5306 and email is johnrotness20@gmail.com. Upcoming Speakers include:

- Dec 8 – Don Fryda, retired government trapper and Western historian
- Jan 12 – Jake Butler, farrier, blacksmith, and history buff on horseshoeing
- Feb 9 – Chief John Spotted Tail, direct descendent of the Brule Sioux Chief Spotted Tail; known for his diplomacy. Also, Chief John's wife, Tamara Stands Looking Back Spotted Tail, a descendent of Chief Red Cloud.

The **Kansas City Posse** had an October program in which George Pettigrew spoke and presented a slide show on the Indian Wars after the War Between the States. In December, Deborah Buckner gave a live performance, portraying Elizabeth Bacon Custer, in "Christmas on the Plains."

The **Huntington Corral** had their October presentation from **Paul Haddad**, whose talk traced the improbable rise of Los Angeles through the prism of six visionaries who influenced the city's growth. The Corral's November meeting was given by Pulitzer Prize finalist and Fellow at the Huntington Library, Megan Kate Nelson, who spoke on her new book, *The Westerners: The Creation of America's Most Iconic Region*. In December, the Corral hosted a luncheon program on "Where Women Made History" from Arabella Delgado.

Pikes Peak Posse, of Colorado Springs, had an October program on "How Nuclear Power Came to Wyoming," and their November meeting was on the topic of "Southern Colorado Coal Camp History." In December, the Posse hosted a live musical and performance program from Jon Chandler.



more **CORRAL NEWS**

The **Jedidiah Smith Corral**, Hot Springs, South Dakota, (and our next Gather host Corral) meets on the last Friday of each month at 1:00pm. They have met January thru October this year with an average of 21 members and guests present. For the winter months, the meetings are held at the Days Inn Café during the noon hour for lunch.

The year started with a two part presentation by one of their members, **Uriah Luallin**, on "*Philip Wells – Best un-known historical character in South Dakota*" Although unschooled, Wells knew seven languages. He was an interpreter, in charge of agriculture at Fort Benton, led the last great buffalo hunt, made canes and cedar chests and even wrote a book. In his later years he lived at the State Soldiers Home in Hot Springs.

Karl Bochert gave a talk on his pioneer family which came to the area in 1880's.

The Corral visited several churches with beautiful old stained-glass windows.

The summer months saw the **Jedidiah Smith Westerners** at the local Pioneer Museum.

In May they heard Karl speak on some of the oldest houses in town.

Member **Dawn Johnson**, manager at the Pioneer Museum, took the group to a different room in the museum each month. This included the iron lung they have; the military room; the cooking and heating stove room along with old washers. Also the Tuma room where there are a lot of hand tools and veterinarian artifacts along with the famous two-headed calf.

Karl again presented, back at the Days Inn Café, on the remembrances of area people and children during the Indian Scare in 1889, after the Wounded Knee event.

The **Fort Worth Westerners** notified their members of an October talk at the W. K. Gordon Museum from Dr. Deborah Liles on "Murderers, Drunkards, and Thieves." The Corral's October program was delivered by Janet Dowling Sands on "The California Missions - Context, Connections, and Surprises." In November, the Corral hosted Deb Goodrich., whose presentation was titled "From the Reservation to Washington: The Rise of Charles Curtis." And, in December, they hosted a program from **Ft. Worth Westerners Sheriff, Bob Saul**, on the "1841 Texan Santa Fe Expedition: Prelude to the Mexican American War of 1846."



*Gregg and Danita Bynum of the **Palo Duro Corral** attended the Western Cattle Trail Symposium in Dodge City, Kansas on November 1-2. There were representatives from all the Western Trail Associations, including the Shawnee Trail, the Goodnight-Loving Trail, the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western Cattle Trail Associations. The associations signed an agreement to work together to seek federal legislation to formally recognize the trails. The event*

celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Western Trail. There were presentations by numerous speakers on the history and importance of the cattle trails.

Below: Westerner James Tucker, in Dodge City at the Western Cattle Trail Symposium.



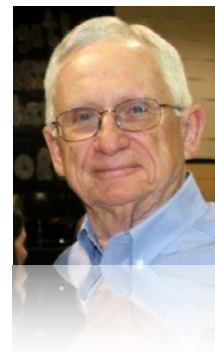
Ron Wilson, Sheriff of the Ft Worth Westerners was a presenter at the Western Cattle Trail Symposium.



Michael Grauer and Gregg Bynum



Jim Jennings grew up in Sweetwater, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University. Jim and his wife Mavis reside in Amarillo, Texas. He is a member of the Palo Duro Corral and serves the Corral as Keeper of the Chips. Jim is a renowned western writer and a long-time western historian. Jim is retired as Executive Director of Publications for the American Quarter Horse Association and continues to write and is currently writing the scripts for Red Steagall's television show "Somewhere West of Wall Street." Jim was named a "Living Legend" by Westerners International, 2024.



The Bell on Old Blue

The legend of Old Blue and his bell is a story that really begins more than 500 years ago.

Blue was one of millions of Longhorns that roamed throughout South Texas in the years immediately following the Civil War. They were all descended from the Spanish cattle that Columbus brought over on his second voyage to the New World in 1493. But during the next 350 years, due to both inbreeding and outcrossing, the descendants of those Spanish cattle changed some.

The Longhorn in the 1860s wasn't a good-looking beef animal by any means. In his book "The Texas Longhorn," Dr. Don Worcester says that those longhorns were slab-sided with narrow heads, and that their tails nearly reached the ground. But Don went to great lengths to talk about the variety of colors, and said that there were brindles, mulberry, ring-streaked and speckled blues, as well as red and blue roans. He said some were mouse-colored, while others were all shades of dun, from washed out Jersey cream to dark, and all degrees of yellow. There were those that were brown with bay points or bay with brown points, and some were black, either solid or splotched with white,

brown or red. And he added that there were many shades of red, but pale red was common.

Obviously, a Longhorn can be just about any color. J. Frank Dobie, a Texas folklorist who has also written about the Longhorns, said that the shadings and combinations of colors were so various that no two were alike.

Most of those who have studied the origins of cattle in the Americas say that the longhorns were primarily Spanish, as I mentioned a while ago, but they had a minor infusion of the small, nondescript stock that were imported from England and Europe and spread throughout the southern colonies. That's probably where the varied colors came from because the Spanish cattle were mostly solid colored. Brindles, which are common in longhorns now, were rarely seen in the beginning.

But the thing about the Longhorns is that they were thoroughly adapted to South Texas. The heat and humidity didn't bother them, and they developed an immunity to the deadly tick fever. The cows were exceptionally fertile and produced calves over a longer period than did other breeds, and, armed with those long, sharp horns, they fiercely protected their young

against wolves and other predators, including the mountain lions that were common back then. Their long legs and hard hooves enabled them to range widely for grass and water without becoming footsore, and they thrived on marginal pasture where other breeds starved.

All of those characteristics are the reasons the Longhorns spread throughout South Texas during those years when most of the Texas ranchers were away from their homes fighting in the Civil War. After the war, many of the Texas boys who finally made it home, found little to come home to. Often, they discovered that their farms and ranches had been abandoned, their fields were unplowed and their cattle were roaming wild. As a matter of fact, there were lots of cattle roaming wild, and most were unbranded. They were survivors of Indian raids, cattle that had been scattered by stampedes and weather, and there were those that had been abandoned after ranch failures.

But some of those boys home from the war saw an opportunity in the wild cattle. In 1865, at the end of the Civil War, Phillip Danforth Armour opened a meat packing plant in Chicago. Chicago's Union Stockyards opened on Christmas Day of that same year. Then, in 1867, Joseph G. McCoy opened a cattle shipping facility at the railhead in Abilene, Kansas. McCoy was going to ship cattle by rail to the Union Stockyards in Chicago, and he sent word to Texas cowmen that he was paying \$40 a head for cattle delivered to Abilene.

It didn't take long before those Texas cowboys were gathering those unbranded cattle and either selling them to ranchers, or putting a herd



together to take north. The first herd of Longhorns to go up what would become the Chisholm Trail belonged to O.W. Wheeler and his partners. Wheeler, in 1867, bought 2,400 steers in San Antonio for about \$4 a head and trailed them north up the Chisholm Trail, through Indian Territory and into Kansas. Many more herds followed. That first year, McCoy shipped 35,000 head out of Abilene. The number doubled each year until 1871, when he shipped 600,000 head.

Other trails were soon developed, among them being the Western Trail, which went from Texas, crossing the Red River at the famous Doan's Crossing, through Indian Territory and up to Dodge City, Kansas, which also had built a set of shipping pens.

And then there was the Goodnight-Loving Trail, established by Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving, which went through West Texas, crossed the Pecos River at Horsehead Crossing, and then went up through New Mexico into Colorado.

The trails were long – the Chisholm and Western trails, which started in South Texas, were each about 1,000 miles in length, and the Goodnight-Loving Trail even longer because of its route. But the Longhorns' characteristics made them ideal for long drives. They could go long distances without water, rustle their own food, fend for themselves, swim rivers, and survive the desert sun and winter snow.

The typical herd was 1,500 to 2,500 head and moved only 10 to 12 miles per day. Ten to 15 cowboys were needed to make the drive, and they worked in shifts to watch the cattle 24 hours a day. They kept them heading north during the day and watched them at

night to prevent stampedes as well as theft. Indians were a problem, as were outlaws. The crew also included a cook, who drove a chuck wagon, and a horse wrangler, who was in charge of the remuda.

Over a period of 25 years, 10 million head of Longhorns were trailed north to railheads. But by the late 1880s, certainly by the turn of the century, the long cattle drives were over. The days of the open range were gone, ranchers were fencing their land, and the Kansas farmers started blocking passage of the Longhorns because of the Texas Fever the big-horned cattle carried. As I mentioned a while ago, the Texas cattle were immune to the Fever, but the domestic herds the Longhorns came in contact with on their trips north were not.

But it was on those trips north that Old Blue and his famous bell first became known.

According to legend, and as told by J. Frank Dobie in his book "The Longhorns," Old Blue was calved in a pasture down on the Nueces River, pretty near the Texas coast, in the spring of 1870. When he was three years old, Blue, along with about 2,000 others that looked similar to him, was gathered out of a mesquite brush pasture and started out on the trail to New Mexico. The herd, of which he was a part, was traveling the Goodnight-Loving Trail, which, after it crossed the Pecos River, went north up the river. At Bosque Redondo, which is just south of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, the herd was sold to rancher John Chisum. The next spring, Chisum sold that herd, which now contained 5,000 steers, to Charles Goodnight.

Goodnight cut the herd in half, and trailed each half, one herd at a time, on north into Colorado Territory to the Arkansas River, near Pueblo. Blue went in the first herd.

Goodnight had always paid attention to the habits of his cattle while being driven, and he had noticed long ago that when a herd hit the trail in the mornings, the steers would work their way into the



same spot every day. On that trip to Colorado, Goodnight noticed Old Blue, and how each morning when they left the bed grounds, he would take his place at the point of the herd and stay there. When they reached the Arkansas River, where Goodnight had a ranch, instead of sending Blue with a herd that went on up to feed Indians at an agency in Wyoming, Goodnight kept him on his Colorado range.

J. Evetts Haley, in his book "Charles Goodnight, Cowman and Plainsman," also talked about Old Blue making the trip to Colorado from Bosque Redondo. He said, "Old Blue led on until the salt grass of the valley gave way to the black grama of the high plateaus. And he was slick as a grulla colt by the time he topped Trinchera Pass and felt the cool wind in his face as he looked down on the fresh world beyond. When he raked off the flies in the shinnery as he headed down the Colorado slope, he forever renounced the ties of his lazy birthland, and pointed the way to Goodnight's ranch on the Arkansas."

It's hard to tell which writer, Dobie or Haley, admired Old Blue the most, but they both talked about him in some pretty fancy language.

In 1876, when Goodnight and John Adair put together the JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon of the Texas Panhandle, Old Blue led the herd of 1,600 cattle that Goodnight trailed down from the Arkansas River. Two years later, in 1878, when Goodnight took a herd north out of Palo Duro Canyon to Dodge City, Old Blue

was leading the way. But this time, Goodnight tried something different. The trail driver hung a brass bell around Old Blue's neck, and the other cattle learned to follow the sound of that bell.

Haley said, "As that bell rang off the miles in tune to his stride, Blue was the proudest animal that ever switched his tail at flies." Dobie, in his book, got even more eloquent. He said, "His bell was brand new, with green stain and red label fresh upon the brass. The collar was clean and shiny and had the wholesome smell of fresh leather. When Blue got that collar around his neck and heard the ling-ling-ling of his bell, he was as proud as a ranch boy stepping out in his first pair of red-topped boots."

In the evening, one of the cowboys pitched his rope around the horns of the gentle, old steer and slipped a leather strap around the clapper of the bell so it would be silenced during the night. The next morning, the clapper was loosened and Blue took his place at the front of the herd. Haley said that if the clapper came loose during the night, the herd would be on its feet, ready to trail, in no time.

When the herd reached Seven Mile Hill and the drovers looked down the slope toward Dodge City, Goodnight elected to spend the night there on the south side of the Arkansas, and then go on into the shipping pens the next morning. However, a storm hit them during the night.

Haley said, "The JA boss turned his weather eye to the sky that night, and called to his boys, 'All saddle and tie up. We'll have hell before day.' About midnight it commenced sleeting and snowing, but all hands struck for the herd and managed to hold it. At daylight, the boss yelled, 'Loose the bell and take the river!' Old Blue broke the ice along the edge of the Arkansas, swam the stream in the middle, and headed straight for the railroad corrals as 2,000 JA's crowded on his fetlocks. Inside the gate, he prudently jumped aside and rested, while the herd swarmed and milled against the far side of the corral. The cowpunchers

jammed the steers up the chute and into the cars, and as the train pulled out for Kansas City, they, and the saddle horses and Old Blue, stretched their necks over the top rail of the corral and watched them go."

When the cowboys took the remuda and the chuckwagon back to Texas, Old Blue went with them, with plenty of shelled corn in the wagon for him to eat on the way.

Old Blue was a unique individual. According to Dobie, "Blue believed in exercising the privileges of individuality. He considered himself always as apart from the masses. He would walk right into camp among the pots and pans and eat pieces of bread, meat, dried apples – anything the cook would give him or the boys could steal from the cook. He became a great pet. Often, he was hobbled and left to graze with the saddle horses. Sometimes he was staked out at the end of a long rope. He preferred to bed down away from his inferiors – he had no peer."

Haley said, "Occasionally at home Old Blue had work to do, as when they necked him to an outlaw steer down in the canyon and turned him loose. He was big and stout – weighed around fourteen hundred pounds – and as he thought of the corn in the trough at the ranch, he dragged his unwilling yoke-mate directly into the corral. Mainly, however, he lived a life of pampered ease until the boys gathered beef in the fall."

Old Blue kept at his job for eight years, and some years he went to Dodge City twice. He died when he was 20 years old. The cowboys cut his horns off and for years they hung over the door in the JA office. Today, they are in the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas. The bell is in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Museum in Fort Worth.

Old Blue wasn't the only lead steer, there were others, but there was not another like him.



from the
Westerner International Mercantile
your store just got a little bigger with more merchandise!

Look what's new!

New items, left

- Five Panel Twill Cap, adjustable.....\$25.00
- 7x9" Rawhide Portfolio with stamped logo.....\$38.00
- Notepads w/Western logo..... \$4.00

Items, right & below

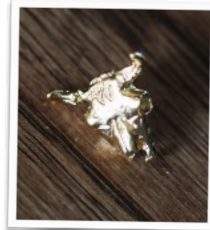
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- Lucite paper weight \$17.00
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- Bandanas \$7.00
- Decal 3" \$4.00
- Cap -adjustable size..... \$30.00

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shirt sizes available in small, medium, large and extra large

If you would like to place an order or send payment, contact:

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bolo tie



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3" Decals



Westerner cap

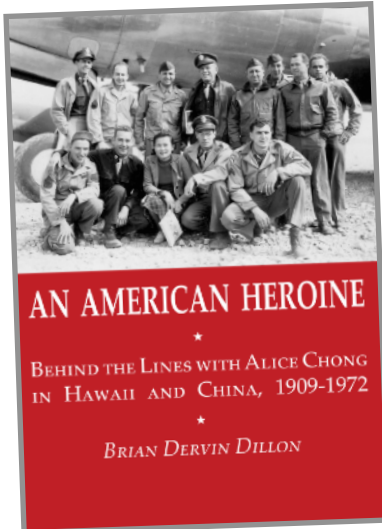


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white bandana

BOOK NEWS OF INTEREST TO WESTERNERS



An American Heroine by Dr. Brian Dervin Dillon

available soon through Amazon.com. . .

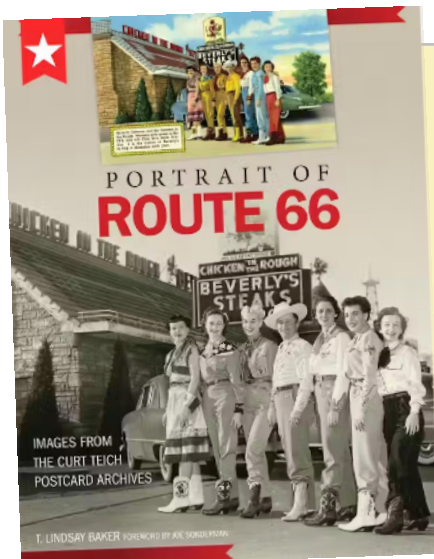
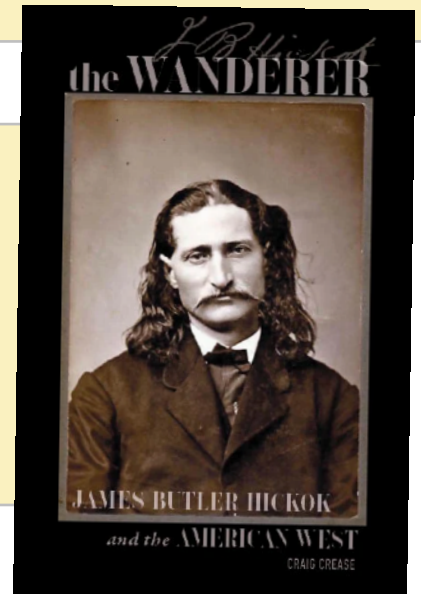
Dr. Brian Dervin Dillon (Los Angeles Corral) announces his soon to be released book about his amazing aunt, Alice Chong. Alice, a native Hawaiian of Chinese decent, was caught up in the horrific war waged on the Chinese mainland by the Japanese war-machine of WWII. Alice survived the war years as a correspondent, translator and invaluable asset to the American and Chinese liberators fighting their brutal oppressors from western China.

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*is proud to recognize
books by Westerners*

The Wanderer: James Butler Hickok and the American West by Craig Crease

\$27.95 available Craxton Press 540 pg with illustrations

After stripping away the myths and legends, the reader of this book will see that the real life of James Butler Hickok, aka Wild Bill Hickok was every bit as exciting and unique, compelling and dramatic as any myth or legend. It's no wonder that his real life was such fertile ground for the mythmakers. His real life spoke of infinite possibilities, and the mythmakers seized upon that in describing the exploits and life of Wild Bill Hickok.



Portrait of Route 66 **Images from the Curt Teich Postcard Archives** By T. Lindsay Baker

Foreword By Joe Sonderman

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The Curt Teich Postcard Archives, held at the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda, Illinois, contains one of the nation's largest collections of Route 66 images, including thousands of job files for postcards produced by Curt Teich and Company of Chicago. T. Lindsay Baker combed these files to choose the best examples of postcards and their accompanying photographs not only to reflect well-known sites along the route but also to demonstrate the relationships between photographs and their resulting postcards.

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If you've read a particularly fascinating book that you think might be of interest to other Westerners, please share it with your Buckskin Bulletin inkslinger at: kenneth.pirtle@me.com so I can add it to the Book News section of the next BB.

BOOK & PUBLICATION NEWS

OF INTEREST TO WESTERNERS



FREMONT STREET MAIL

November 12, 2024

Month 6 — "Herby Squires in Texas Canyon." by Sharon Kozlosky

Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in Schaffner Hall, will be our Christmas Party of Cowboy Poetry, Western Music Area Carol Singers, and short stories and short history. Each Host will be invited to bring in Christmas goodies.

Month 5 — "Herby Squires in Texas Canyon." by Sharon Kozlosky

April 3 — "Roy Ramirez & Horfels, Our Finest of Old Riders." by Mike Jackson

Recorder of Marks & Brands — Joan Smith

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November Corral Election Results

Shiriff — Liz Severin
Deputy Sheriff — Tom Trevino

Recorder of Marks & Brands — Ann Smith
Keeper of the Club — Debbie Lucas
Reading Facilitator — Gary Smith
Tall Tales — Bob Spidle
Cores Rep. — Debbie Hocking
Dung Hoeking — Deborah Levenson

There will be an optional no-kill pre-meeting dinner \$5.00 at the Longhorn Restaurant on Allen Street. The public and guests are welcome.

January 7 — "Father Finishes Race, Pater on Horseback." by Father Greg Aldrich

February 4 — "Lighting the Southern, the Concho Expedition of 1540." by Debra Quire

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Los Angeles Corral

Figure 4: Cowboy history expert, Hank Stone in his den, showing off his pair of custom-made cowboy boots with colorful leather design, reminiscent of wild animal prints. Photo from the cover of *Los Angeles Corral* November, 2024 by Mike J. Cook & Lizbeth Williams

Cowboy Culture

Edited by John Dillon

"Cowboy culture the main" and even in the rough and tumble of the West, everyone still wanted to look their best. Buttons, hats, Levi jeans, and other accessories were highly regarded as workwear, but they have taken on new life as popular and accessible symbols of our Western heritage. This special edition of *The Branding Iron* is dedicated to the incredible diversity of American Western, Mexican, and Central American/Native clothing, both functional and fashionable. (Continued on Page 7)

PIKES PEAK INKSPOT

The Newsletter of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Westerners

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Historical photographs, including over 30 black and white photos of the great group in all that is being done to share the history of members of our various groups and their activities who helped make Colorado and the West what it is today, mostly always have some interesting history to share. Longfellow.

Monthly Dinner Program

Join us for the second Monday of each month except August at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center, 1130 Pennsylvania Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00pm, program follows. Dinner is \$10 per person, please pre-arrange at the door.

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Building a New Community — How a Sugar Beet Facility Created the Second Most Diverse Community in Colorado
By Kerita Hanson Guzman
presented February 28, 2024

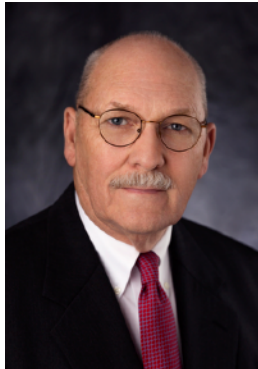
Colorado Fuel & Iron — Pueblo Steel Mill circa 1900

Steel City Strong — The Creation of the Pueblo Steel Mill and its Effects on Pueblo
By Peyton O'Neil

The **Home Ranch** is pleased to receive great publications from WI corrals.. top-left; *The Fremont Street Mail* from the **Cochise County Corral**, Arizona. *The Branding Iron* is the latest from the **Los Angeles Corral**. The *Pikes Peak Inkspot* comes from the **Pikes Peak Corral**, Colorado.

The Montana Historical Society publishes *Montana - The Magazine of Western History*. We are pleased to receive from our British compadres *The Brand Book* and *The Tally Sheet* from the **English Westerners Society**, London.

The *Denver Westerners Roundup* is the fine product of the **Denver Posse**. Congratulations and thanks to those sharing their excellent and informative publications.



Greetings from your *Buckskin Bulletin* editor, Kenneth Pirtle. It is with pride that I put together these newsletters four times a year for *Westerners International*. I regularly check my email for *Corral* updates and news to include in the "BB" and share with our membership. Please share your *WI* news and activities to me at kenneth.pirtle@me.com or the Home Ranch at westerners@mail.wtamu.edu so I can include it in the upcoming issue.

The digital *Buckskin Bulletin* (PDF) is now sent to your Sheriff or Corral representative from the Home Ranch. The Home Ranch is dependent on current email addresses and we ask that you keep your Corral information updated. Hopefully the *Buckskin Bulletin* is getting distributed among your local membership. I would humbly request that you read your "BB" and share it when you have the opportunity. Happy Trails, KP