



# EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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## Thanks for All You Do

First, I want to welcome our newest board member, Jim Cosbey of Sonoita; we look forward to your contributions. We are so excited that our Roundup & Open House was such a success! With the help of some very dedicated board members we raised \$6,300 in cash donations to support the event, and our members and volunteers have done even more. Did you know that the amount of time contributed by our volunteers this year was valued at over \$100,000 by our partner, BLM?

In 2017, the stabilization of the historic Ranch House will begin (details p. 3). We are developing new tours and interpretive signage that will focus on other Headquarters buildings and trails. Our Trail Ride event is just around the corner - you will NOT want to miss it!

Included with this issue is a letter requesting a year-end contribution to help us do even more next year. If you haven't renewed or joined, please do so now using the enclosed envelope. If you are interested in becoming involved, sign up at [www.empireranchfoundation.org/involved/volunteer](http://www.empireranchfoundation.org/involved/volunteer), and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EmpireRanch](http://www.facebook.com/EmpireRanch).

There are many wonderful things happening at the Ranch - keep watching, keep visiting, keep sharing the good words, and most of all keep in touch!! We succeed because of you and are so thankful to have you in our neck of the woods!!

See ya at the Ranch!

*Faith Boice, President*



Roundup highlights (photos: S. Reichardt)

## Life on Empire Ranch Roundup, Steak Fry, Barn Dance and More!

The 16th Annual Empire Ranch Roundup & Open House started out in fine style on Friday evening, November 4, with a steak fry and dance on the newly installed flooring (see article p. 3) in the Adobe Haybarn. After a delicious meal of steak and fixins, the lucky guests listened and danced to Tohono O'odham Waila music (a hybrid music style in which polkas, cumbias, two-steps are given a Native American twist) performed by the Lopez Band. Thanks to the Chuckwagon Restaurant for the great dinner and Tom and Cheryl Rogos for the very popular peach and apple cobbler!

Bright and early on November 5th over 2,000 eager visitors began arriving for a day of fun and learning at the Roundup. Riding in on horse-drawn wagons provided by All Around Trail Horses, people were transported to the past! The main and field arenas featured military riding demonstration by B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Mem.), mounted shooting by the Tombstone Ghost Riders Cowboy Mounted Shooters, and horsemanship by the Arizona Ghostriders.

Music everywhere added to the festivities with performances by Scattered Grass Bluegrass; Mariachi Alegre; Slim & Young; Nancy Elliott; Janice Deardorff; and Wilford Kennedy. The Old Pueblo Gunfighters kept busy all day teaching quick draw skills. Opportunities to meet ranch animals up close were provided by Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch (Theresa Warrell & Steve Boice); Jabez Ranch

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