

The Cowboy Courier

Victorian Country Inn BnB

1850 E Hwy 124 · Hallsville, MO 65255

Spencer's Mid-west Legends

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- Fall : Chuckwagon
Cowboy Dinner Show 9/29
and 10/20
- December: Victorian
Christmas Tea Parties and
Holiday High Tea
- Spring: Roaring 20's
Mystery Dinner Theater at
the Sarsaparilla Speakeasy

**Reservations required
for all events**

Fun Fact:

The cowboy kerchief or bandana was another thing one could not be a cowboy without.

The bandana had many uses, most notably as a mask while driving cattle kicking up dirt.

It could also be used as earmuffs in cold weather, as protection from sunburn on the neck, as a pot holder for hot pots or branding irons, as prevention against snow blindness in winter, a tourniquet or sling in case of injury and just in case they were planning to rob the stage, it made a nifty mask!

The history of Barb and Buddy Spencer's family dates back to Buddy's grandfather Frank Spencer. Frank was a cowboy ranch hand that worked near Bunker Hill Kansas for several years. Bunker Hill, established in central Kansas

in 1871, was based near a railroad and was predominately an agriculture town. Frank Spencer worked with the cattle and built fences for the livestock for several years starting in 1914. Frank would control the cattle with his blacksnake whip which breaks the speed of sound and creates the sharp cracking sound.



Frank Spencer



Not only does the family have history from different areas, but the land the B&B is built on also has it's own story. The classic story of the boy falling for the girl next door, who says she married for love...and land! The 20 acre estate that now houses

Another cowboy in the family was William Baird who ran the last stagecoach route in Montana from the railroad depot in the valley up to the gold mine. The stagecoaches would carry mail and other passengers. William Baird was known as a sharp shooter. He has been known to hit a flying quail with a 25-20 lever action Winchester.

Victorian Country Inn has been in Barb's family since 1896. Incidentally she married the boy next door exactly 100 years after her great grandfather Elias Powell settled the estate in 1896. This land will now be home to the Chuckwagon Cowboy Dinner Show!



Chuckwagon Gang

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