

# Fool's Gold: Cowboy Country

2012 Calendar



Dear Reader,

In 2012, the Stryker brothers will move to Fool's Gold, California. Rafe, Shane, and Clay Stryker grew up on the Castle Ranch just outside of town with their mother and baby sister. They were the poorest kids in Fool's Gold back then, but now they've each made a fortune and have come home to reclaim the ranch that should have been theirs long ago.

I have always loved the cowboy mystique, that great American icon of masculinity. The Stryker brothers are everything readers love about cowboys – rugged, sexy, honorable, protective – but with a fun and modern Fool's Gold spin.



**SUMMER DAYS**, June 2012 — The last thing developer Rafe Stryker ever wanted was to become a cowboy! He made millions facing ruthless adversaries in the boardroom, but nothing prepared him to go head-to-head against stubborn, beautiful Heidi Simpson, who insists the Castle Ranch belongs to her.

**SUMMER NIGHTS**, July 2012 — Although Shane Stryker easily handles temperamental thoroughbred horses, he has vowed to stay far away from wild women. The moment he spots Annabelle Weiss dancing on top of a bar, he realizes the pint-sized librarian means big-time trouble for him.

**ALL SUMMER LONG**, August 2012 — Former underwear model turned entrepreneur Clay Stryker is frustrated to discover that even in his hometown, people only see him for his world-famous... assets. He finds an unexpected ally, and unexpected temptation, when tomboyish Chantal (Charlie) Dixon comes to him with an indecent proposal he can't refuse.

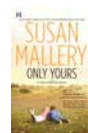
**A FOOL'S GOLD CHRISTMAS**, October 2012 — Fool's Gold is at its heartwarming, holiday best when dancer-cum-cheerleader Evangeline Stryker reluctantly moves home to recover from a career-ending injury. Her brothers want her to rejoin the family fold, but after a lifetime of being ignored, it's too little, too late. She can resist her family, she thinks, but can she resist the determined advances of Rafe's sexy business partner, Dante Jefferson?

I hope you're as thrilled to return to Fool's Gold as I am! Fool's Gold is the Land of Happy Endings.

Love,

*Susan Mallery*

**Don't miss the previous Fool's Gold romances:**



# 2012 Fool's Gold Festivals

## January

### CABIN FEVER DAYS

Shake off the Winter blues in Fool's Gold! There's a snow sculpture in almost every yard, each crazier than the last, as locals compete for the title of Wackadoodliest.

## February

### THE LAND OF HAPPY ENDINGS ROMANCE FESTIVAL

This Valentine's Day, treat your sweetheart to a weekend in the Land of Happy Endings. Fool's Gold holds the record for most proposals in California.

### THE GREAT CASSEROLE COOK-OFF

The casserole is a great tradition here in Fool's Gold, for happy occasions and sad. Come taste the best of the best!

## March

### TULIP FESTIVAL

The date of the Tulip Festival is a moving target because no one knows when the flowers will bloom. Call Pia Moreno, City Event Planner, for the latest Tulip Forecast.

## April

### APRIL FOOL'S GOLD DAY FESTIVAL

This annual tradition of town pranks has become hugely popular. Local merchants surprise customers with free prizes throughout the day. Restaurants switch menus so that you might get Mexican food at the Irish pub or Italian food at the hot dog stand.

### EASTER EGG DROP

Much more fun than finding an Easter egg is dropping it from the roof of a three-story building. Bring a dozen decorated but uncooked eggs to the roof of City Hall.

## May

### SPRING FESTIVAL

On Mother's Day weekend, bring your family to Fool's Gold to usher in Spring in style. The Saturday morning parade features kids on bikes and in wagons, all decorated with flowers and ribbons.

### ROSIE THE RIVETER DAYS

Rosie the Riveter may have come from our little town. Rosie the Riveter Days honors the contribution of women in the United States.

## June

### X-TREME WATERSKI FEST

Normal is boring, and Fool's Gold is anything but. At our X-Treme Waterski Fest, you'll see stunts that will make your jaw drop. Featuring the Don't-Call-Me-Grannies, a group of synchronized skiing women age 60 and better.

### SIERRA NEVADA BALLOON FESTIVAL

The best scenery in the country is right here in Fool's Gold, and nothing is more breathtaking than seeing it from a hot air balloon. Champagne mandatory.

## July

### 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Fool's Gold is decked out in red, white, and blue for a patriotic party! Enjoy a leisurely tour of the vineyards around Fool's Gold, and the exciting fireworks show in the evening.

### SUMMER FESTIVAL

Life doesn't get any better than summer in the California mountains! Come celebrate the Fool's Gold way.

## August

### BOOK FAIR

A town that bills itself as the Land of Happy Endings clearly loves books. The Book Fair celebrates the written word every year in Pyrite Park.

### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FAIR

Fool's Gold is always dog-friendly, but we go to extremes to make your canine companions feel welcome during the Dog Days of Summer.

### MÁA-ZIB FESTIVAL

Circa 1300, a matriarchal tribe of Mayans settled on the shores of Lake Ciara. Celebrate our Mayan heritage with us. The traditional Dance of the Horse – complete with male sacrifice – is not to be missed!

## September

### END OF SUMMER FESTIVAL (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

Part county fair, part farmer's market, the End of Summer Festival is 100% fun! Indulge yourself in locally produced artisan goat cheese from Heidi the Goat Girl.

## October

### FALL FESTIVAL

The Fool's Gold Fall Festival celebrates another kind of fall – falling in love. Thousands of brides have elected to start their marriage in the Land of Happy Endings.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Frank Lane closes to vehicle traffic so locals can set up trick-or-treat stations in the street. But be warned – anyone caught without a costume could be fined!

## November

### THANKSGIVING PARADE

While the turkey is cooking, head downtown for the annual Thanksgiving Parade.

## December

### CHRISTMAS GIFT BAZAAR

Find the perfect gift for all of your loved ones at the Gift Bazaar. Local singing groups will provide live holiday music while you shop.

### DAY OF GIVING

On the Day of Giving, Fool's Gold charities are provided with free vendor booths so they can explain their programs to generous people looking for a way to share their bounty of blessings. The Take Home a Pet Adoption Fair is one of the most popular attractions on this very special day.

### LIVE NATIVITY

The Live Nativity takes place at noon on Christmas Eve and is always a big hit. Live animals in the manger means it's always unpredictable. Bring your camera!

### RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Every year, our calendar of parties culminates with the biggest party of them all. Ring in the New Year in style in the ballroom at the Gold Rush Ski Lodge and Resort. Or, for a dress-down option, join the New Year's Eve Polar Bear Club for a dip in the icy waters of Lake Ciara.

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## January 2012

1	New Year's Day	Su
2		Mo
3		Tu
4		We
5		Th
6	Fool's Gold Cabin Fever Days	Fr
7	↓	Sa
8		Su
9		Mo
10		Tu
11		We
12		Th
13		Fr
14		Sa
15		Su
16	MLK Holiday - U.S.	Mo
17		Tu
18		We
19		Th
20		Fr
21	Cameron & Rina's Wedding	Sa
22		Su
23	Chinese New Year	Mo
24		Tu
25		We
26		Th
27		Fr
28		Sa
29		Su
30		Mo
31		Tu



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## February 2012

1		We
2	Grndhg Day/Fiona Golden's Bday	Th
3		Fr
4		Sa
5		Su
6		Mo
7		Tu
8		We
9		Th
10		Fr
11	Fool's Gold Romance Festival	Sa
12		Su
13		Mo
14	Valentine's Day	Tu
15		We
16		Th
17		Fr
18		Sa
19	Raoul & Pla's Anniversary	Su
20	President's Day-US/Family Day-Can	Mo
21	Mardi Gras	Tu
22	Ash Wednesday/Dakota's Due Date	We
23		Th
24		Fr
25		Sa
26	The Great Casserole Cook-Off	Su
27		Mo
28		Tu
29	Leap Day	We



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## March 2012

1		Th
2		Fr
3		Sa
4		Su
5		Mo
6		Tu
7		We
8		Th
9		Fr
10		Sa
11	Daylight Savings Time begins	Su
12		Mo
13		Tu
14		We
15		Th
16		Fr
17	St. Patrick's Day	Sa
18		Su
19		Mo
20		Tu
21	First day of Spring	We
22		Th
23		Fr
24	Fool's Gold Tulip Festival	Sa
25		Su
26		Mo
27	Barefoot Season in stores!	Tu
28		We
29		Th
30		Fr
31		Sa



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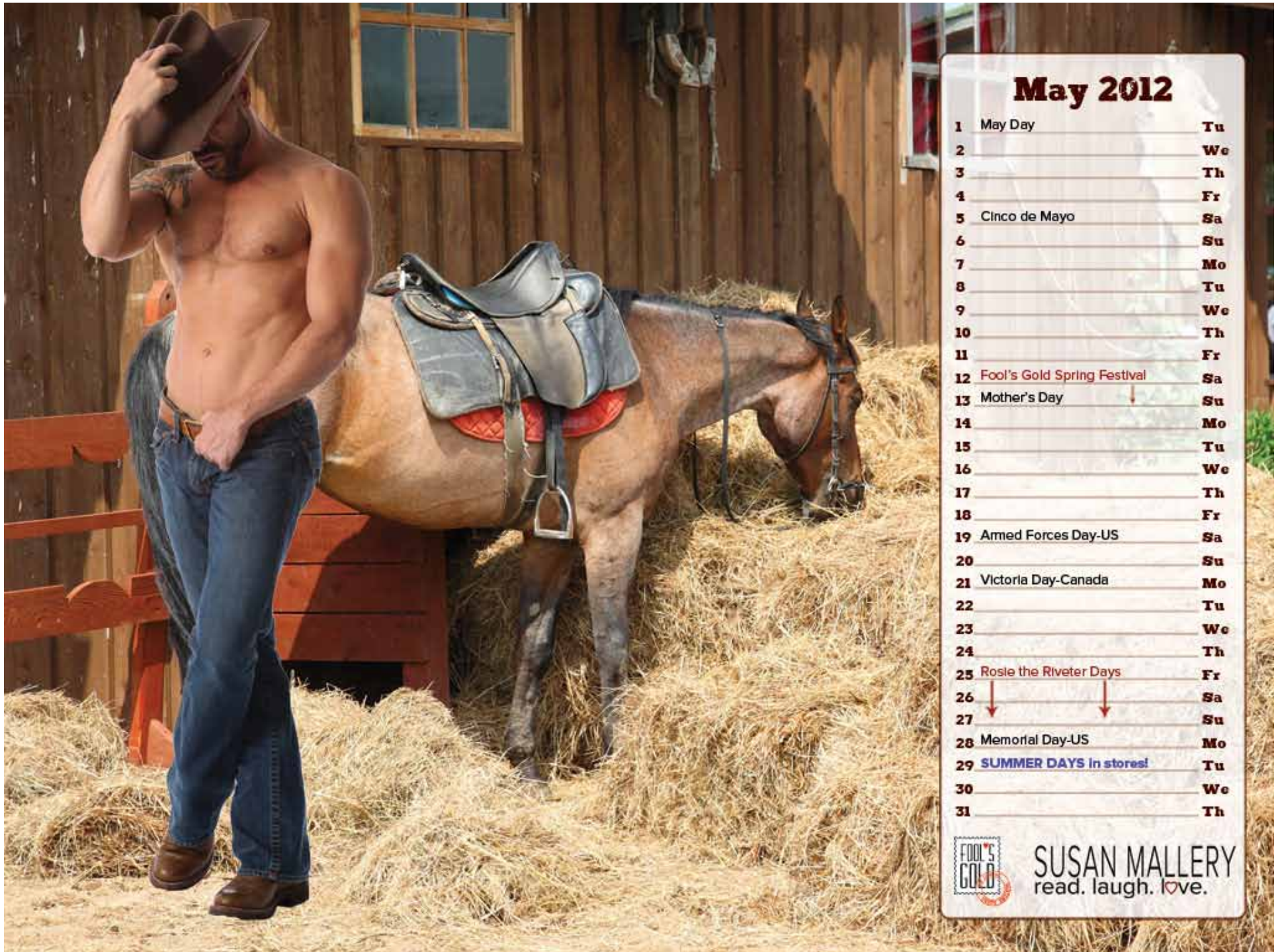


## April 2012

1	April Fool's Gold Day/Palm Sunday	Su
2		Mo
3		Tu
4		We
5		Th
6	Good Friday	Fr
7	Passover/Easter Egg Drop	Sa
8	Easter	Su
9		Mo
10		Tu
11		We
12		Th
13		Fr
14		Sa
15		Su
16		Mo
17		Tu
18		We
19		Th
20		Fr
21		Sa
22	Earth Day	Su
23		Mo
24		Tu
25		We
26		Th
27		Fr
28		Sa
29		Su
30		Mo



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# May 2012

1	May Day	Tu
2		We
3		Th
4		Fr
5	Cinco de Mayo	Sa
6		Su
7		Mo
8		Tu
9		We
10		Th
11		Fr
12	Fool's Gold Spring Festival	Sa
13	Mother's Day	Su
14		Mo
15		Tu
16		We
17		Th
18		Fr
19	Armed Forces Day-US	Sa
20		Su
21	Victoria Day-Canada	Mo
22		Tu
23		We
24		Th
25	Rosie the Riveter Days	Fr
26		Sa
27		Su
28	Memorial Day-US	Mo
29	SUMMER DAYS in stores!	Tu
30		We
31		Th



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## June 2012

1	Fr
2	Sa
3	Su
4	Mo
5	Tu
6	We
7	Th
8	Fr
9	Xtreme Waterski Fest Sa
10	Su
11	Mo
12	Tu
13	We
14	Flag Day-US Th
15	Fr
16	Sa
17	Father's Day Su
18	Mo
19	Tu
20	We
21	First Day of Summer Th
22	Fr
23	Sierra Nevada Balloon Festival Sa
24	Su
25	Mo
26	SUMMER NIGHTS in stores! Tu
27	We
28	Th
29	Fr
30	Sa



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# July 2012

1		Su
2		Mo
3		Tu
4	Independence Day-US	We
5		Th
6		Fr
7		Sa
8		Su
9	Rosabel & Adelina Moreno's Bday	Mo
10		Tu
11		We
12		Th
13		Fr
14		Sa
15		Su
16		Mo
17		Tu
18		We
19	Fool's Gold Summer Festival	Th
20		Fr
21		Sa
22		Su
23		Mo
24	Josh & Charity's Anniversary	Tu
25		We
26		Th
27		Fr
28		Sa
29	Montana's Due Date	Su
30		Mo
31	ALL SUMMER LONG in stores!	Tu



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# August 2012

1		We
2		Th
3		Fr
4		Sa
5		Su
6	Civic Holiday-Canada	Mo
7		Tu
8		We
9		Th
10		Fr
11	Fool's Gold Book Fair	Sa
12		Su
13		Mo
14		Tu
15		We
16		Th
17		Fr
18	Fool's Gold Dog Days of Summer	Sa
19		Su
20		Mo
21		Tu
22		We
23		Th
24		Fr
25	Ma a-Zib Festival	Sa
26		Su
27		Mo
28		Tu
29		We
30		Th
31		Fr



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## September 2012

1	End of Summer Festival	Sa
2		Su
3	Labor Day	Mo
4		Tu
5		We
6		Th
7		Fr
8		Sa
9	Grandparents' Day	Su
10		Mo
11		Tu
12		We
13		Th
14		Fr
15		Sa
16		Su
17	Rosh Hashanah	Mo
18	Jackson & Katie's Anniversary	Tu
19		We
20		Th
21		Fr
22	First day of Autumn	Sa
23		Su
24		Mo
25	A FOOL'S GOLD CHRISTMAS	Tu
26	Yom Kippur	We
27		Th
28		Fr
29		Sa
30		Su



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## October 2012

1		Mo
2		Tu
3		We
4		Th
5		Fr
6		Sa
7		Su
8	Thanksgiving-Can/Columbus Day-US	Mo
9		Tu
10		We
11		Th
12		Fr
13		Sa
14		Su
15		Mo
16		Tu
17		We
18		Th
19		Fr
20	Fool's Gold Fall Festival	Sa
21	↓ ↓	Su
22		Mo
23		Tu
24		We
25		Th
26		Fr
27		Sa
28		Su
29		Mo
30		Tu
31	Halloween	We



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# November 2012

1		Th
2	Mayor Marsha's 36 <sup>th</sup> Year in Office	Fr
3		Sa
4	Daylight Savings Time ends	Su
5		Mo
6	Election Day/Ethan & Liz's Anniv.	Tu
7		We
8		Th
9		Fr
10		Sa
11	Vets Day-US/Remembrance Day-Can	Su
12		Mo
13		Tu
14		We
15		Th
16		Fr
17		Sa
18		Su
19		Mo
20		Tu
21		We
22	Thanksgiving-US/Parade in FG	Th
23		Fr
24		Sa
25		Su
26		Mo
27		Tu
28		We
29		Th
30		Fr



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## December 2012

1		Sa
2		Su
3		Mo
4		Tu
5		We
6		Th
7		Fr
8	Fool's Gold Gift Bazaar	Sa
9	Hanukkah begins	Su
10		Mo
11		Tu
12		We
13		Th
14		Fr
15	Day of Giving/Pet Adoption Fair	Sa
16		Su
17		Mo
18		Tu
19		We
20		Th
21	First day of Winter	Fr
22		Sa
23		Su
24	Live Nativity	Mo
25	Christmas	Tu
26	Boxing Day-Canada	We
27		Th
28		Fr
29		Sa
30		Su
31	New Year's Eve/Triplets' Anniversary	Mo



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