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# Candid Comments



**Producer, RG de Stolfe**

For the past two issues, I have given somewhat cryptic information about something that was happening that I was going to simply let you wait before I tell you at some point later. Well, now it is later!

I have a new job! And not only a new job, but also a new place to live and a whole change of scenery. I am now the new curator of the Scurry County Museum in Snyder, Texas! And where is Snyder, you ask? It is a town of a little over 11,000 people southeast of Lubbock about 90 miles. Refer to another page for more info about the museum.

The process took nearly two months from the time I applied to the time I got the job and started. When I found this job posting, I applied for it immediately, which was on August 15. The collection of applications didn't close until September 5. I was then asked to do a phone interview, which I did on September 12. I was then part of a small group of people to do an in person interview, which I did on September 27. I got the official offer of employment on October 3, which I promptly accepted!

In short, I received the job out of about 100 applicants! What is also interesting is that I have applied for this exact position five times previously since 2010! The one thing different this time is that the museum has a new director hired about six months ago. I guess that made all the difference!

All while the application process was happening, I was still working for Duluth Trading Company as I had since March. See another page for more info about what happened with that job.

I started working on October 10 on a part time basis by my suggestion so I could give Duluth my "two week notice" and to give me time to find a new place and to pack. My lease for my apartment didn't end until November 7. So, I worked for the museum individual days for several weeks until I could fully move to Snyder. Needless to say, I was commuting from Lubbock to Snyder on the days I worked at the museum, which is a 90 minute drive each way. We agreed for the Duluth job to end on October 27 after talking with the store manager. I was fully moved by November 8.

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# Word for Life

## Thanksgiving

Leviticus 22:29

And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will.

2 Samuel 22:50

Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.

Ezra 3:11

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout...

Psalm 18:49

Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.

Psalm 26:6-7

6 ...I will go about Your altar, O Lord, 7 That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.

Psalm 30:12

...O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalm 79:13

So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth Your praise to all generations.

Psalm 95:2

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Psalm 107:22

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalm 118:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 147:7

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God...

Jeremiah 30:19

Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Jonah 2:9

But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving...

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 ...for the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God...

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Revelation 7:12

..."Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

# About the Museum

Okay, so about my new job. In short, I am the new curator for the Scurry County Museum in Snyder, Texas. Snyder is about 90 minutes away from Lubbock to the southeast and is on the route that many take to go to Dallas from West Texas. The museum was formed in the 70s and is located on the campus of Western Texas College. It is a stand alone nonprofit that is not associated with the county nor with the college, but it does have perks from the college since the building itself belongs to the college. There are basically six employees: Executive Director, Admin Assistant, Curator, Curatorial Assistant, Educator, and a manager for the 1818 Arthouse (more on that in a bit). As curator, I am in charge of the artifact collection and all of the exhibits, except for the exhibits at the 1818 Arthouse. They also hired me to be a functional person to assist with the reaccreditation process of the museum with AAM (American Alliance of Museums). There is definitely plenty of work for me to do to get the collections into better order and to determine how to upgrade systems for reaccreditation. I am currently working on an

exhibits schedule for 2019. There are basically three galleries, with one as a permanent exhibit, and several display cases that can rotate with items. I'm not quite sure of the exact number, but I think there are around 10,000 artifacts of various types, with most being historical in nature. The 1818 Arthouse is a subset entity operating as a gallery that is located on the town square across from the courthouse. It stays open a little later and serves as a more experimental gallery location.

I got an apartment that is just a few block from campus and finally got fully moved from Lubbock to Snyder by November 8. Snyder is definitely a small town of about 11k to 12k people with a town size of about three miles wide and five miles long at its outer limits with one main road down the middle. The county would have more people, of course. There are about five towns in the county and a few more small named areas. This is what is different between Snyder and Scurry County from Leadville and Lake County in Colorado when I lived there.



# About the Museum



# Announcement

## Museum names new curator

By Steve Reagan  
SDN Staff Writer

While not a native West Texan, the Scurry County Museum's new curator has certainly become acclimated by now.

Robert-George de Stolfe, most recently head of collections management at the



de Stolfe

National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, will assume curator duties at the museum Wednesday.

day.

He succeeds Laurel Lamb, who resigned in August to become collections manager at the University of Arkansas Museum. As curator, de Stolfe will be in charge of exhibits and collections at the local museum.

"We're looking forward to him joining us," museum Director Nicole DeGuzman

said. "He seems like a good fit here and the staff really likes him."

DeGuzman said that de Stolfe was selected from around 100 applicants from across the country.

"His experience in exhibits and graphics were the deciding factor," DeGuzman said. "He's been in Lubbock for some time, so he's very familiar with West Texas. He stood out because he has many ideas about what can be added to the museum's exhibits and where we can move forward with innovative ideas."

De Stolfe earned a bachelor's degree in fine art from Northern Arizona University and a master's degree in museum management from Texas Tech University. DeGuzman said that he worked at a variety of museum and art settings, "from Arizona to Lubbock to Colorado," before joining the staff of the ranching heritage center in Lubbock.

He will work part-time in Snyder while relocating from Lubbock.

Here are a few notes about some errors in this article to clear up any confusion:

- My most recent museum job was not at the National Ranching Heritage Center
- I was not in the role of "head of collections management", but rather that I worked in the collections area.
- My Master degree from Texas Tech is in *Museum Science* (also called Museum Studies)
- Near the end of the article, the order of my time in Arizona, Texas, and Colorado were not in the order stated

# New Apartment

The search for a new place to live took a little bit of time. My first hurdle was to find a place in my price range! I checked with real estate companies for rental houses, but all of the places were at least \$800 and more like around \$1000+! I originally tried to find something online, but the information just wasn't there to find. It needed to be an in person search. I checked with several apartments, and finally found the one I'm now in. What is interesting about this apartment is that the price is almost the same as what I was paying in Lubbock and the square footage and even the room layout is very similar! Unfortunately, I do not have a fireplace, but I do have a rather nice front porch. I do have a corner unit so I have windows on two sides.



# About The Move

The overall move to Snyder was quite unusual! I got the U-Haul truck on November 5 and had intended to load everything up and drive down, unload, then go back to Lubbock to clean the apartment the next day and be done. However, the reality proved to be much different!

I got the truck that Monday as planned and hired the manpower help of a moving company. I only had enough money to pay for two hours of loading help, which got a good bulk of the house, but I was not fully packed. They did make a large dent in the total amount of stuff to move, however. After they left, I loaded a few more things then went ahead and drove down to try to be there by dark. The next day, I unloaded the truck with the help of a coworker. I called U-Haul to extend the time of the rental, then I drove the truck back to Lubbock for a second and final load. Now the time was cutting close! I had to be fully out through November 7. I still had a lot of stuff left to pack and load onto the truck. I spent a few hours still packing then stayed the night in my old apartment on an air mattress. The next day, November 7, I kept packing and tried to start loading. At that point, I had no help and was getting very angry despite my several requests for help to move! (See my Facebook posts to the right.) Ultimately, one person from Facebook and some unexpected help from my downstairs neighbor (who I had only met once) helped to get the bulk of what was left loaded onto the truck. I still had to clean the apartment as well. I did not have the time to clean to my liking, but I was out of time and could only do what I could in what time was left. I finally left the apartment at 1:30 AM and got into Snyder a little after 3:00 AM despite the weather being rainy and cold. No doubt that I crashed on the bed! So, the next day, all I had left to do was unload the truck and return it and I would be moved. I returned the truck yet the next day after some solo unloading and some help from a coworker. I ended up having to pay for another day's rental, but it wasn't going to get unloaded before the original return date. Later that day, I had a friend from Lubbock pick me up from Snyder to Lubbock to get my car. I drove back my car (after having some dinner) and that completed my move from Lubbock to Snyder!



Rg de Stolfe

November 1 at 2:00 PM · 🌐

Hello Lubbock friends! I am needing some help with logistics of moving from Lubbock to Snyder. The moving truck is Monday, and I have several needs relating to it. I'm sorry, I can't base it on the convenience of others, I have to plan it on how it can be worked out. If you can help Monday and other needs on Tuesday (and the specific process is set), I need all the help I can get! Most of you know how to contact me.



Rg de Stolfe

November 1 at 10:00 PM · 🌐

Okay Lubbock folks. I have some specific immediate needs relating to my move, and I'm calling out my Lubbock "friends" for help! Here is what I'm needing:

- \*Someone to take me to the U-Haul office to pick up the truck on Monday
- Additional help to pack besides my hired help to load (this can be over the weekend too)
- \*Someone who can stay the night to drive my car while I drive the U-Haul truck on Monday
- Preference of help to unload the U-Haul on Monday
- A request to help clean old apartment on Monday or Tuesday (I will do the bathroom)

I just do not have the time nor the money to hire people to do all these things! I know that people don't like helping people move, I get that, but more hands make for light work!



Rg de Stolfe

November 6 at 4:51 PM · 🌐

Who can help me pack and load up the last of my things between tonight and tomorrow? I can't get it all done by myself. I have to turn in the apt keys tomorrow.

1 Comment



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Rg de Stolfe Anyone?



Rg de Stolfe

November 7 at 3:43 PM · 🌐

Anger and disappointment is not close to adequate to describe my mood right now. Funds do not allow me to hire what I fully need and I've posted for over a week calling to action for SOMEONE (and preferably several people) to help in an extreme time of need. I've had one person with very limited availability who's offered. Otherwise, this proves to me yet again that I cannot trust people. Many hands make work light for all, but one hand bearing the full load crushes. I have no pride to have asked for help.

# About The Move

During the time that I was commuting between Lubbock and Snyder in October, I had the option to stay one night in Snyder for two days I was working in a row. There was a Motel 6 that recently opened that was an old local motel that was converted to a chain motel. The room was nice and quite affordable. This was the only time that I stayed a night before I got an apartment.



I was in my previous apartment, Canyon Crossing, for three years from November 2015 to November 2018. Starting in the summer 2017, the complex started a major fixup “campaign” to finally bring the complex back to good order. Much of the work was done while I was in Leadville that summer. The work included replacement of cruddy parts of siding on the walls and around the balconies, complete repave of parking lots, all exterior lighting replaced and upgraded to LED lighting, complete repainting of entire complex, some walkway and landscaping improvements, and new door numbers. In addition, the complex was renamed to District West. At the time I left, they were upgrading the laundry rooms and getting new signage in different places. The apartment itself was fine to live in, but I was increasingly getting more irritated with the parent company who owns the complex imposing required fees for services the residents didn’t ask for! This was my second time staying at these apartments, and I don’t plan to ever live there again.



# About The Move

I ended up having this U-Haul truck for four days when I was only planning on having it for two. This is a 15' truck with the so called "Mom's Attic", which is the little bit over the cab. For years now, the trucks have featured various landmarks and towns. This one featured the Canadian Yukon, and specifically a camel! Surprisingly, the trucks are easy to drive and you don't particularly realize that they weigh a bunch!



*Here is the truck after four days and returned to the dealer in Snyder.*

# So, What about Duluth?

When I got the job at Duluth back in February, I was unemployed and was ecstatic to get a job! The job training in March and April was awesome, and it was a great experience. We set up the store to open in early May and we were working good hours, but still fewer hours than I was expecting. I was a part time worker who could only work a max of 30 hours a week. So, I expected to work say 25 to 30 hours a week. I was scheduled to work three days a week, which lasted about three weeks, then I was scheduled two days a week, then eventually scheduled one day a week. That lasted most of four months during the summer! This long stretch of extremely lean employment prompted the search for additional employment to supplement or be primary to the Duluth employment. Ultimately, instead of getting a second job, I found a replacement job with



the Scurry County Museum. Of course, that meant that once the job ended, I would no longer be able to get Duluth products at my employee discounts. I tried to get what things I know I wanted, but there were a quite a few more things that I was not able to get that I wanted. My experience with Duluth Trading Company overall has been really good and it was a really good experience. I would likely have a job there again if I ever wanted or needed it.



*These photos are by Khahn.*

# Duluth Photos

*These photos are by Khahn.*



The store is full of “found objects” or what I would call artifacts. Every store has a main feature as you walk in. For the Lubbock store, we have this 1923 Chevrolet delivery truck, fully restored. We were supposed to have a 1951 truck, but could not get it through the doors! So instead, we got this one, and it barely fit through the doors!

On grand opening day, we had a lumberjack demonstration/competition. It was 110 degrees that day! Really hot for them!



# Duluth Photos

*These photos are by Khahn.*



These are the flat images taken with a 360 degree camera of the inside of the store



# RG's Instagram Photos



*Presunset sky*



*Ira Ravine*



*Old Shave*



*Unknown Flower*

# Happy Thanksgiving!

*This gives new meaning to having a turkey for dinner!*

*If you know what film this appears to be from, I would like to know.  
It looks like it might be late 1940s or possibly early 1950s.*





## Well, not quite...

You know how you go to the store and buy those cans of “100% pure pumpkin” so you can make pies, cakes, bread, cookies, etc? Well, those cans of “pumpkin” puree are sorta not from actual pumpkins! WHAT?! Yep, it’s not technically pumpkin that’s in the cans of 100% pure pumpkin! FRAUD! Well, actually no! So, here is what is the deal. The FDA does not give distinctions as to the difference among the varieties of most pumpkins, squash, and gourds because of their very close genetic makeup. Therefore companies are not violating any laws about the contents. See FDA’s notes->



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#### BACKGROUND:

Canned “pumpkin” has for many years been packed from field pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*) or certain varieties of firm-shelled, golden-fleshed, sweet squash (*Cucurbita maxima*), or mixtures of these. Pumpkin and squash are sometimes mixed intentionally to obtain the consistency most acceptable to users.

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#### POLICY:

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# ***Small Business Saturday***

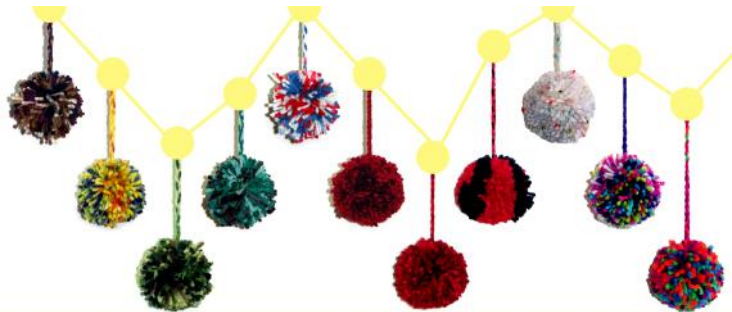
**Saturday, November 24, 2018**

**Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This program started by American Express promotes AMEX, but it also promotes supporting small businesses. Shop at locally owned businesses the Saturday after Thanksgiving and support US citizens!**

**I have an array of items that would make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers for your family, friends, and even for your cats! See the next page for some of my items available for sale!**



# COWS CHEWIN' CUD



High Sierra Morning Sun Green Camo Night Watch Blue White Red Cranberry (1 color) Rouges (2 tone) Techsan (Red & Black) Birthday Cake Jazzy (cool colors) Dark Neons

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**Yarn Ball Cat Toys**, high quality acrylic yarn, \$5.00 each, shipping included!  
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 \$7.50 each

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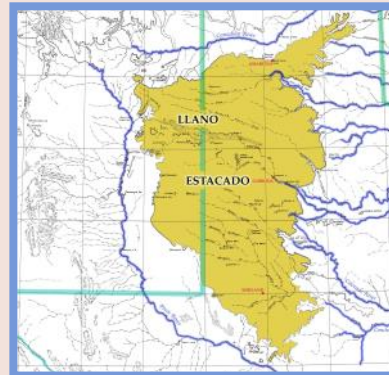
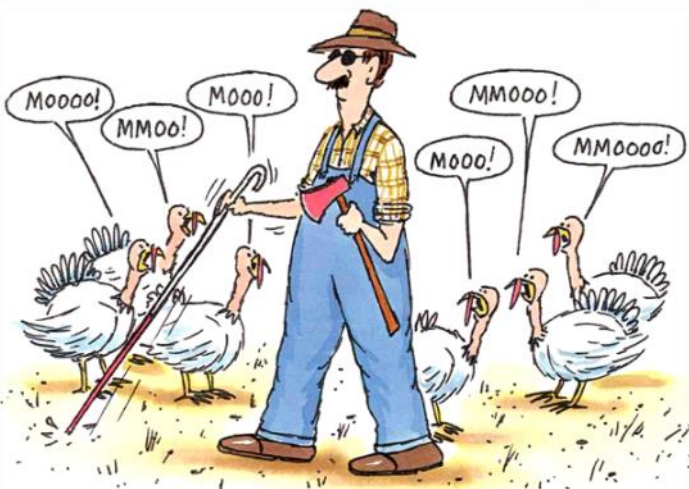
*Here are some topics I plan to feature in future issues, not necessarily the very next issue, but in some future issue.*

## Thanksgiving Trivia

I was at a restaurant recently, and they had on the tables these newsletter like things to read while waiting for the food to arrive. This one for November included some interesting facts for Thanksgiving.

*Note: I am not claiming accuracy or lack of accuracy of these facts!*

- Turkeys originally existed in the eastern United States and Mexico.
- The turkey industry grosses over \$1 billion a year.
- The average American consumes over 15 pounds of turkey per year
- Male turkeys are called Toms, female turkeys are called Hens, and baby turkeys are called Poults.
- Turkey eggs are tannish with brown speckles and are about twice as large as chicken eggs.
- The first presidential pardon of a turkey was in 1947 by President Harry Truman.
- Turkey contains an amino acid called tryptophan that sets off a chemical reaction to cause calming and even sleepiness.
- President George Washington proclaimed the National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, but many of the citizens opposed it.
- Turkey, much like chicken, contains less fat and cholesterol than beef and other meats. However, the dark meat does contain more fat and cholesterol than the white meat thus adding more flavor to the dark meat.



## Llano Estacado

Llano Estacado means staked plains and is a region of high plains in the south of the country that covers part of Panhandle Texas and eastern New Mexico.



## Cowboy Strike

In fortuitous manner, I came across an online article some time back talking about a cowboy strike. It happened to take place in Tascosa, Texas! I'll cover more of the article and the event.



## Old Tascosa

Since I've been on the topic of Tascosa for a couple of issues, let's include more history of the town itself. (This image shows the back of the schoolhouse.)

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