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## On The Cover



*On Labor Day outside of Lubbock, I  
drove by these sunflower fields.*

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# Comments by RG



**Producer, RG de Stolfe**

## Happy Fall!

We are now into October and at the start of fall, even though the temps have been changing even by late August. I welcome the pleasant weather and have been sitting on my front porch by my garden at sunset enjoying the mild temps and slight breezes.

Here is another regular full issue. I have had a series of special issues since the last regular issue, Summer II, that came out in July. (Okay, it came out in early August, but it was supposed to come out at the end of July!)

If you have not seen the recent specials issues, they are:

- International Cat Day, August 8
- Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 19
- First Day of Fall, September 21
- International Coffee Day, September 29 (reissue)

I also had the special Leap Day issue this year for February 29.

My summer and fall have mostly been quiet and not doing much. I haven't had much activity until early September when I needed to go to Colorado for a funeral. It seems all too real and far too common for people to be going to funerals this year (when were are able to actually have them).

*Punny Pete is an account on Facebook that you can like and follow.*



In any case, a big section of this issue is about the trip to Colorado for just over a week. Another big section is of an impromptu run to Big Spring and some photo stops I made on the trip. I have also included an addendum to the March issue of Dad's Paris trip he took in September 2019. Beyond that, I have a lot of fun and random stuff I've included.

At the end of the year, I'm going to have a 2020 roundup issue to cover the things of this year. No doubt, it is going to be a doozie! I'm planning one more regular issue to come out in November.

Enjoy!



# Word for Life

## Name Variations

In the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, we often see two different forms of proper names for God, Jesus, Lord, and others. The difference is not with the spelling but in the caps. For the name God, we will see God and we will see GOD (or GOD if the small caps option is not available). We will also see the name Lord and LORD. The main difference between the regular caps and the small caps has to do with referencing the Covenant. When the Covenant name is used, the name is shown in small caps. Here is a good reference of the Covenant name in Deuteronomy 3:13-14.

13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you’, and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”. And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

In the above verse, I AM WHO I AM (meaning To Be) in Hebrew is יהוה, which is written as YHWH, the tetragrammaton without vowels of Yahweh. The closest transliteration into English is as LORD (small caps). The name Lord (regular caps) (and sometimes seen as my Lord) has the meaning of Adonai.

There are a few other names that have the two forms of proper name caps and small caps. Here are some of the others.

**GOD:** Most of the time GOD is paired with LORD GOD and has the general translation of saying the name twice, but with two different words in English.

**JESUS:** JESUS means Savior.

**YAH:** YAH is a shortened version of Yahweh.

Here are some Biblical uses of the small caps names.

**LORD:** Joel 2:26-27

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
And praise the name of the LORD your God,  
Who has dealt wondrously with you;  
And My people shall never be put to shame.

27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of  
Israel:

I am the LORD your God

And there is no other.

My people shall never be put to shame.

**LORD GOD:** Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever, And the LORD  
GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The  
rebuke of His people He will take away from all  
the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

**JESUS:** Matthew 1:20-21

20 But while he thought about these things,  
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in  
a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not  
be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that  
which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall  
call His name Jesus, for He will save His people  
from their sins.”

**YAH:** Psalm 68:4

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him  
who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH, and  
rejoice before Him.

# Word for Life

## Jewish Writing and the Bible

As a side note, Jews will write G-d for the proper name, God. (Also, L-rd for Lord). They deliberately notate it this way. An answer from [www.reformjudaism.org](http://www.reformjudaism.org) provides a clear answer.

“Writing “G-d” instead of God is a fairly recent custom in America. Many believe this to be a sign of respect, and the custom comes from an interpretation of the commandment in Deuteronomy 12:3-4 regarding the destruction of pagan altars. According to the medieval commentator, Rashi, we should not erase or destroy God’s name and should avoid writing it.”

In addition, the site states, “With the advent of computers and the internet, rabbinic authorities have debated whether or not this applies to what is typed on a computer or read on a screen. Most have concurred that it does not apply”.

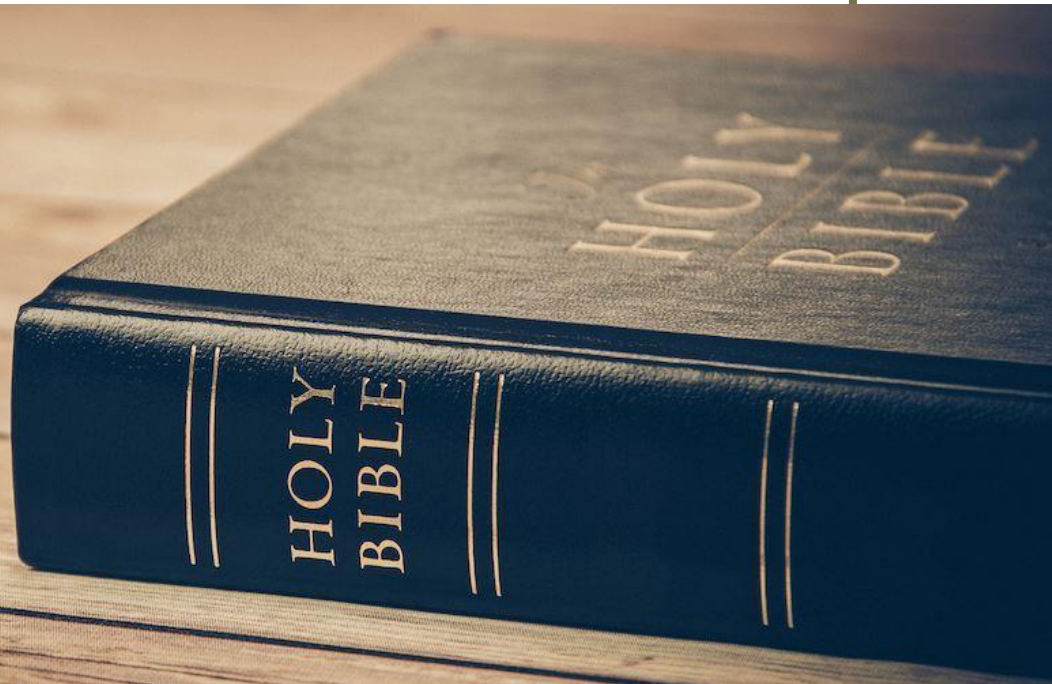
The website also adds, “The bulk of Jewish legal opinion agrees that the [Jewish] law applies only to the written name of God when written in Hebrew and not when written in other languages”.

Deuteronomy 12:3-4

- 3 And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.
- 4 You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.

### Read More:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/LORD-GOD-Lord-God.html>
- <https://www.firstorlando.com/stories/lord-lord-whats-the-difference>
- <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/answers-jewish-questions/why-do-some-jews-write-g-d-instead-god>



# Random Things

## Flashback to 2000

These were my favorite! They were called Australian Toaster Biscuits and were yummy! They tasted like bready biscuits and looked like English muffins but were neither. I did not have a toaster, so I split them, put them inside out, and cooked them in my George Foreman grill. The browned ridges were perfect for buttering! I miss these! Oroweat stopped making them sometimes in the 2000s.



## Hungry Critter

On September 14, I was at dad's house and had the bedroom window open to let in the cool air. I heard occasional noises outside that I thought were the neighbors doing something. But I kept hearing noises, so I took a flashlight and shined it through the window outside. Then I saw it. A giant raccoon hanging off the bird feeder! We went outside and saw two of them. I grabbed my camera, but this was the best photo I could get in the dark. The raccoons went under the lawn chairs before climbing over the fence.



## Squirrel Update

So on August 9, I looked out my window of my bedroom and saw this squirrel again. It was chomping on the honey locust pods that fell from the tree just outside of my apartment. I guess it liked the seeds since it ate all of the pods on the ground!



# Random Things

## Temperature Swings

These are the wild temperature and humidity swings over a few weeks! The temps since then have dropped considerably to much more pleasant temps!



Friday, August 14, 2020. 3:48 PM



Wednesday, September 2, 2020. 2:33 PM



Sunday, September 27, 2020. 2:21 PM

## Every Year

In the late summer, the mesquite trees form their bean pods. The one end is the stem that was attached to the tree, while the other end has a sharp, long point that when the pod falls off, it can thrust itself into the ground by gravity to plant. I understand from what Wyman Meinzer said one year in a Facebook post that the only animal that can eat these beans are coyotes. And unlike birds when they eat seeds, the beans don't plant and sprout after eating and expelling!



Another mater sandwich sighting.



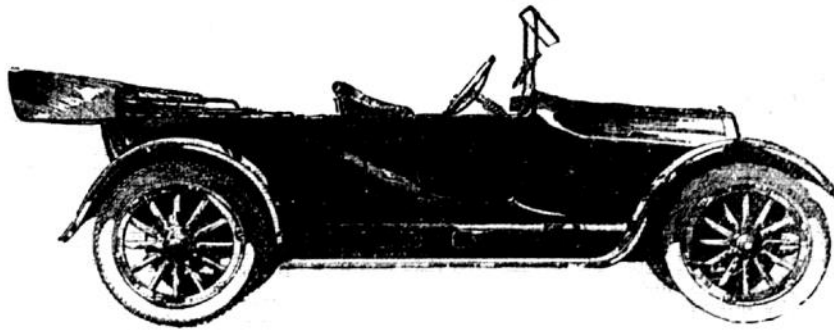
# Random Things

There was a full array of pumpkins available at the store here in Snyder on September 21, 2020.



# Random Things

New Series Overland Model 75B, 31½ Horsepower, \$635, Roadster \$620  
The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio "Made in U.S.A."



31½  
Horsepower  
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## Thousands Behind

Three to fifty per hour on high—that's the speed report we get from owners all over the country.

And 20 to 25 miles per gallon of gas is the economy report.

A corking good car --

A price that makes it the greatest value on the face of the earth—

That combination has kept the factory thousands of cars behind sales for weeks and weeks.

But we're getting them in right along. Better see us about yours today.

**C. A. EDWARDS**  
Phone 220. Sixth and Poplar Sts., Leadville, Colo.

The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio  
"Made in U. S. A."

*The Herald Democrat [Leadville, Colorado]. Saturday, October 28, 1916. Page 2.*

"A corking good car"

*Corking* — British, slang Adverb meaning, very also: good, excellent, fine

# Random Things

## Modern House... of 1934

This “Modern Home” of model number 264B155 that sold for \$1092 was found in the 1934 Sear’s Catalog!

Between the two floors, the square footage is a little over 1400 square feet. Porches and balconies are not factored in the square footage, of course. Neither are garages of today. Technically, the square footage does not include the thickness of exterior siding, only the structure and interior walls. Also, stairs are a weird factor but still included, okay whatever.

At the time, houses were still quite modest and very closed off except maybe between the living room and dining room. Interior bathrooms were a luxury (think outhouses), which is why there was only one!

Still, these old houses have features that most houses of today lack, such as built-ins, pantries, and spacious porches or balconies.

Adjusted for inflation from 1934 to 2020, this house today would only cost \$21,181.38.

Even factoring that this is a house kit, and that the shipping, land purchase, building labor, permits, etc would be additional costs, and let’s assume that those additional costs were triple or even quadruple the 2020 value, \$64 to \$85 is still lower than any old house today!

Why are houses so freaking expensive today??!



**MODERN HOME No. 264B155**

**\$1,092<sup>00</sup>**

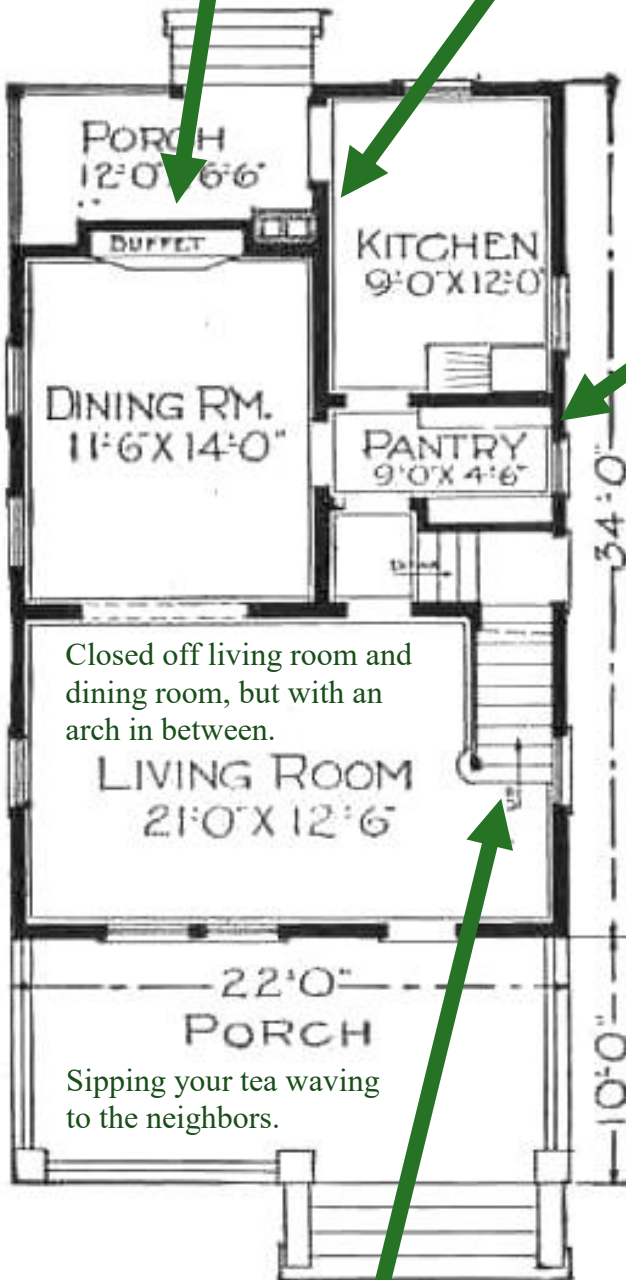
# Random Things

## Modern House... of 1934

Built in buffet in the dining room!

These look like a flue, perhaps for the kitchen stove or the coal fired furnace in the basement?

Single bathroom for the whole house!



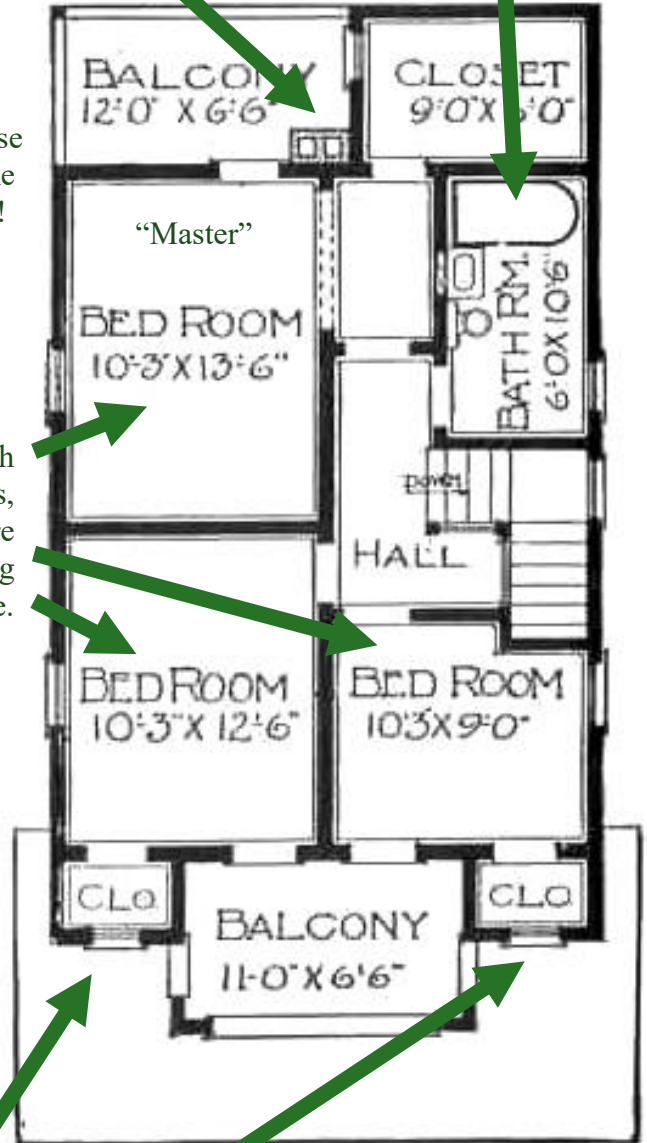
*First Floor Plan.*

Grand stairs (think, *It's a Wonderful Life*).

Pantry! These need to make a comeback!

Smallish bedrooms, but you are only sleeping there.

Built in closets were a luxury that was becoming more standard in houses by this time.



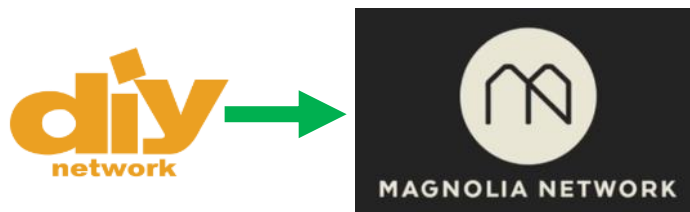
*Second Floor Plan.*

Front and back porches and balconies! That is lacking in today's houses!

# They're Back!

You first heard about it in the late spring of 2013 as another new show on HGTV, one of many new shows they try every year. Some make it, and some do not or only have limited success. Fixer Upper would prove to have five seasons with every season becoming greater and greater in popularity exponentially and became a huge booster for HGTV and literally revitalized the city of Waco! However, by the end of the fifth season with the last show airing in April 2018, Chip and Joanna Gaines decided to end the show and take a break with the idea that maybe someday off in the future they might do shows again. Over the last two years, they might have taken a break from their own show, but they have not been resting at all! They have been busy! (And with a new baby in 2018 on top of all that at age 40!)

At the end of 2018, it was “leaked” on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon that the Gaines were starting a new network through Discovery Inc! (Discovery owns and runs the Discovery Channel, diy Network, HGTV, Animal Planet, Science Channel, TLC (The Learning Channel), Travel Channel, and Food Network.) At that point, it was still new and in process of development. What that meant was that the existing diy Network would be rebranded into the new network. The name was released as Magnolia Network. If that sounds familiar, it is because Magnolia is the name of their first little shop in Waco, which has since expanded to include their silos property and all of the different facets on that property.



[www.magnolia.com/network](http://www.magnolia.com/network)

On August 4 on the Magnolia YouTube Channel, they posted a short two minute video of Chip and Joanna Gaines in their car driving down the road. The dialog was awkward and suspicious. Then, Chip stopped the car in front of a house telling Joanna to keep her eyes closed and get out of the car. Upon revealing, she said, “What did you do Chip?” Then he said, “I answered the office phone like you told me never to do” and “I signed us up for another season of Fixer Upper!” She then said, “Can I tell you a little secret, I kinda missed it!”, “Let’s do it!” And so, new shows will be airing in 2021 on the Magnolia Network!

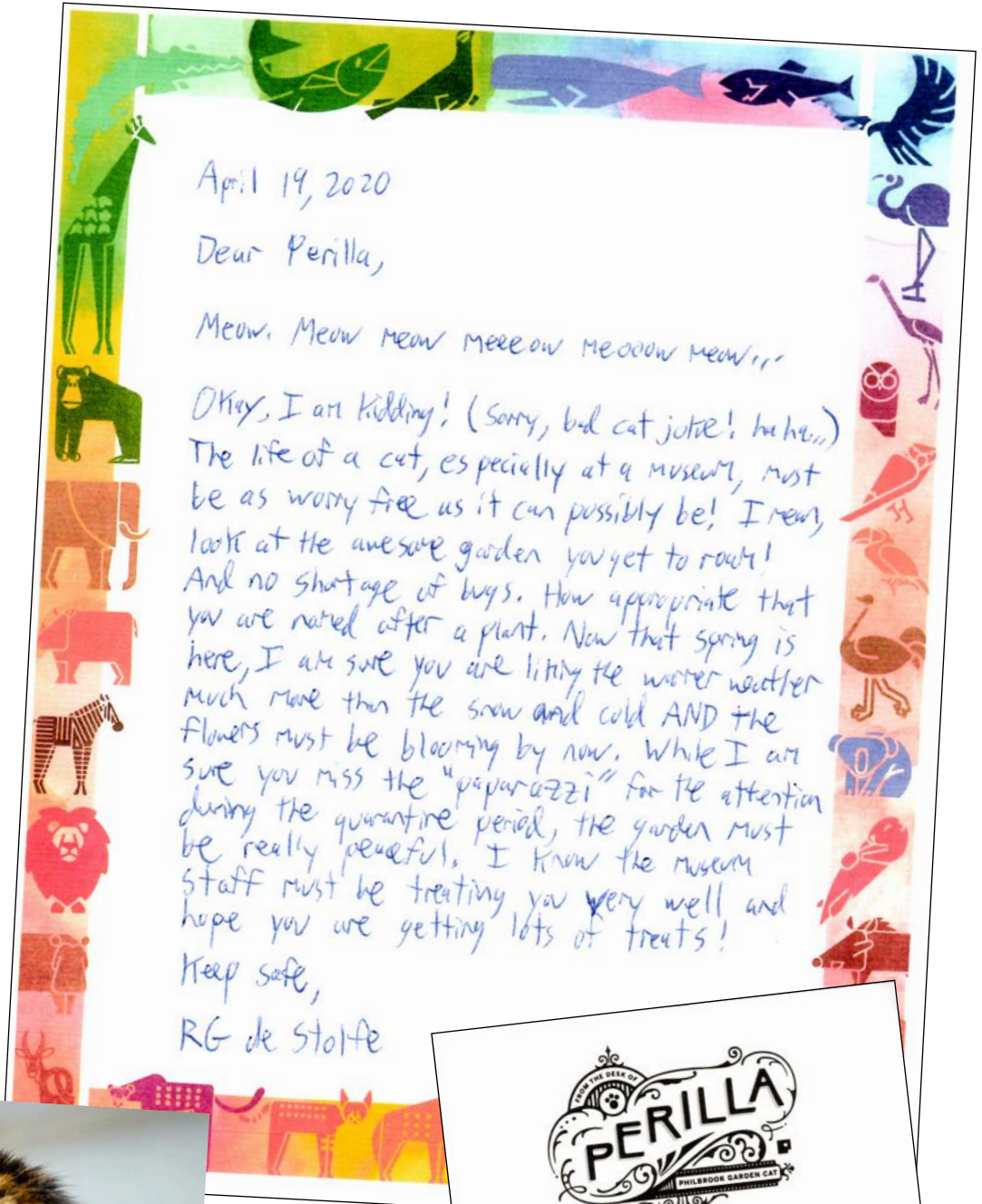


# A Letter to A Cat

Back in April of this year, I came across a post on Facebook (I think it was) while in lockdown about being able to write a letter to the garden cats of Philbrook Museum of Art. They are an art museum that also has a sizable garden located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I thought it would be a fun idea, so I wrote a letter to one of the two cats that would "write" a letter back. I chose to write to Perilla, a calico cat shown below. You can see the letter I wrote to the right. (No criticism about my writing, please!) Nearly five months later in mid September, I got a card in the mail that was the reply from Perilla! You can see the card in the corner.

I would like to think that Mom would have liked this!

[www.philbrook.org](http://www.philbrook.org)



Perilla  
Garden cat in the  
Philbrook Museum  
of Art gardens



Dear R.G.,

Thank you for the letter you wrote to me back in April. My humans are not very efficient scribes, hence the delay in my response. Thankfully they are not slackers when it comes to meals.

Life as a Garden Cat at a Museum is definitely pleasant. Now that visitors have returned it is even better.

If you ever visit Tulsa, please stop by! ♡ Perilla

# Just Under Your Feet

In my usual scanning of things while on Facebook and in other areas, I come across some interesting posts. A blog post on My Modern Met from May 28 of this year that I discovered on July 5th explained about the discovery of elaborate Roman mosaic floors in the Verona region of Italy. These mosaics and the corresponding villa were discovered under a vineyard just a few feet under the top of the ground and date to the first century of the AD! I found the post while on my phone and took some screenshots to refer back to later. However, when I recently went to view the page on the computer, the images were strangely missing from the post! So, the only photos I have to include are these screenshots. But they will still give you a good idea of what the mosaics look like. They are quite elaborate and very beautiful! With how detailed and elaborate the mosaics are, this must have been part of a wealthy family's villa.

Here is the original blog post I found:

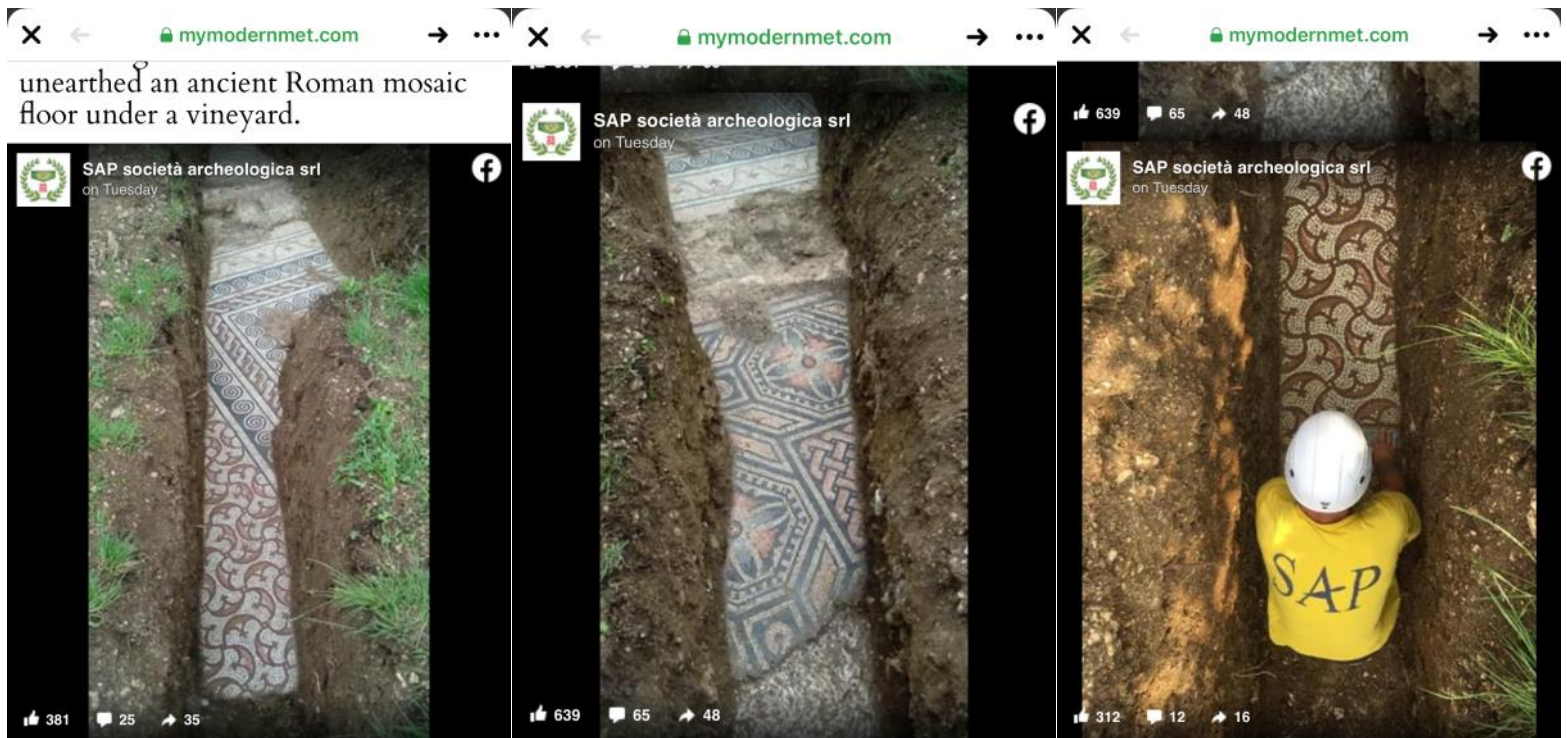
[mymodernmet.com/ancient-roman-mosaic-verona](https://mymodernmet.com/ancient-roman-mosaic-verona)

Here is another page I found:

[www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-52818746](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-52818746)

Here is another site (there are many more):

[thisiscolossal.com/2020/05/roman-mosaic-verona](https://thisiscolossal.com/2020/05/roman-mosaic-verona)



# Hobo Slang

A hobo is a person who has no residence and continually travels, often by rail, from place to place. Even the term “hobo” is about as dated as this slang they used. While these homeless people likely still exist, they are rarely discussed. In the first half of the 20th century, and I imagine in the 1930s especially during the Great Depression, hobos were

much more common as a large number of people were out of work and lost their homes and their livelihood. Over time, a distinct culture developed leading to slang terms. Here are a few of the more innocuous ones. (I left out the more sketchy ones.)

**Read more:** <https://www.ranker.com/list/best-old-timey-hobo-slang/kellen-perry>

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- “nickel note” → Five dollar bill
  - “How strong are you?” → How much cash do you have on you?
  - “scrape the mug” → To shave your face (like “mug shot” for face)
  - “bone orchard” → A graveyard, cemetery
  - “grinders” → Teeth (to grind food)
  - “pile driver” → Good, strong coffee
  - “Adam And Eve On A Raft” → Two fried eggs on toast
  - “axle grease” → Butter
  - “toppings” → Dessert
  - “wood butcher” → A carpenter
  - “knowledge box” → A small country schoolhouse

# More Paris Trip

In early September 2019, Dad took a week long trip to Paris. I included an extensive report about that trip in the March 2020 issue of the journal. Go check out that issue first to see the extensive array of photos of that trip!

There was so much to include about that trip that I had to cut it off before the issue got too big! I figured that at some point I would include more about the trip in a later issue. So, here is that later issue with that later report of the trip!

## Square René Viviani



*Square René Viviani, picturesque park by the Saint-Julien-le-Pauvre church.*



*This is the Saint Julien le Pauvre fountain in the middle of Square René Viviani. The sculptor shaped this fountain like a three-side tree trunk to represent the forest where the hermit Julien lived. The symbolism includes the forest, hunting, and water.*

*The oldest tree in Paris, a robinia pseudoacacia, or locust tree, believed that Jean Robin (1550–1620) planted in 1601. (That is almost 420 years ago!)*

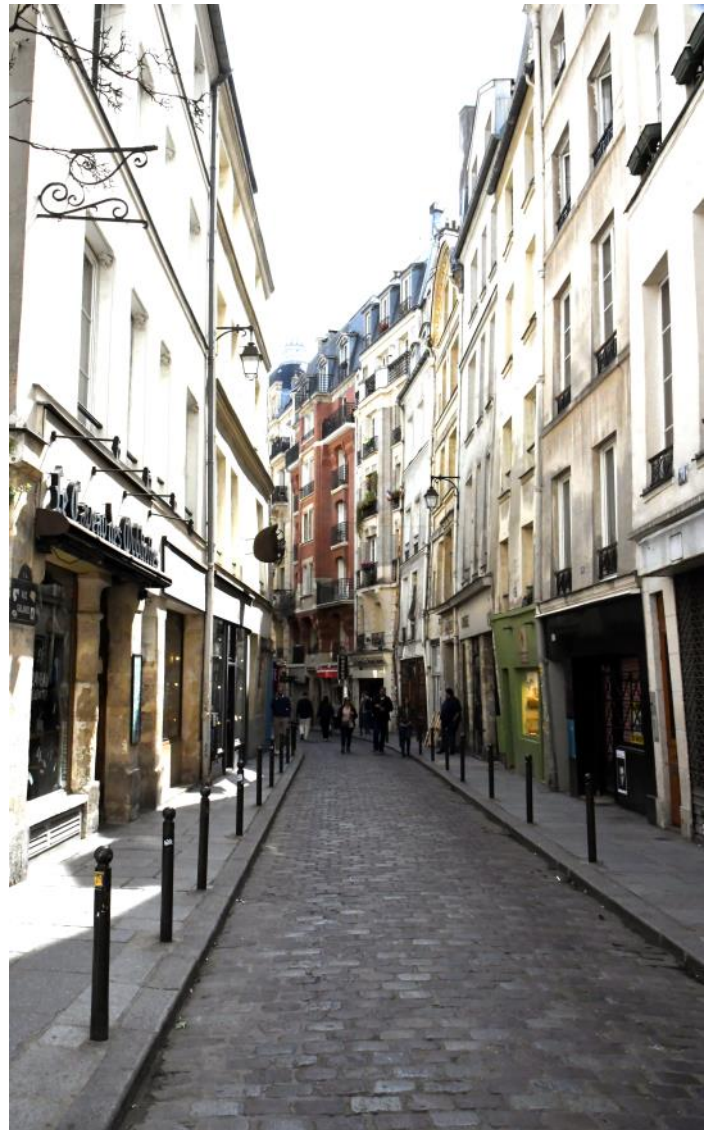


# More Paris Trip

## Architecture

The architecture in Paris is extensive and quite old. Some of it goes back to the medieval days while much of it is newer, only a few hundred years old! But also, another layer on top of it all ranges over the last hundred years or so. You can find examples of architecture from nearly every century since the Roman period.

*Holy Trinity Cathedral (Russian Orthodox)*



# More Paris Trip

## Architecture

*One of the many gilded column lamps around the Place de la Concorde.*



*Galerie Vivienne*



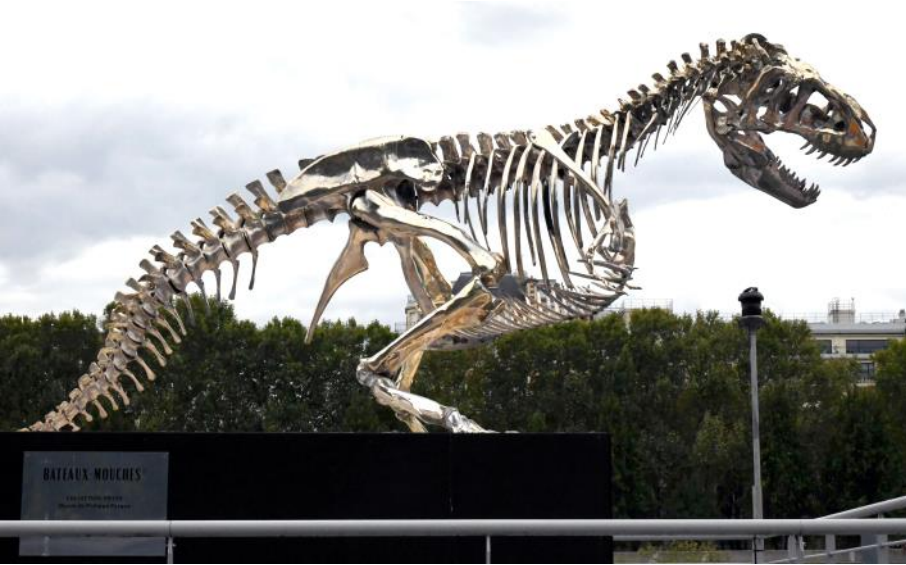
# More Paris Trip

## Architecture



# More Paris Trip

## Sculptures



*Tyrannosaurus Rex sculpture by Philippe Pasqua located at the Compagnie des Bateaux-Mouches by the Seine River.*



*Horses and chariot Quadrigas sculpture on the Grand Palais.*



*Sculpture in the plaza of Versailles.*

# More Paris Trip

## Notre Dame Cathedral

In 2019 on April 15, the world witnessed a massive fire at the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris. This church was a prime example of gothic architecture that was in progress of restoration. After two months of investigation, they concluded that the fire was caused either by an electrical short or by an improperly extinguished cigarette. In any case, cleanup started and the process of restoration continued. When Dad was there about five months later, noticeable change and process of restoration was obvious.



# More Paris Trip

## People Watching

*At Versailles.  
(The ground looking white is  
washed out of its color.)*



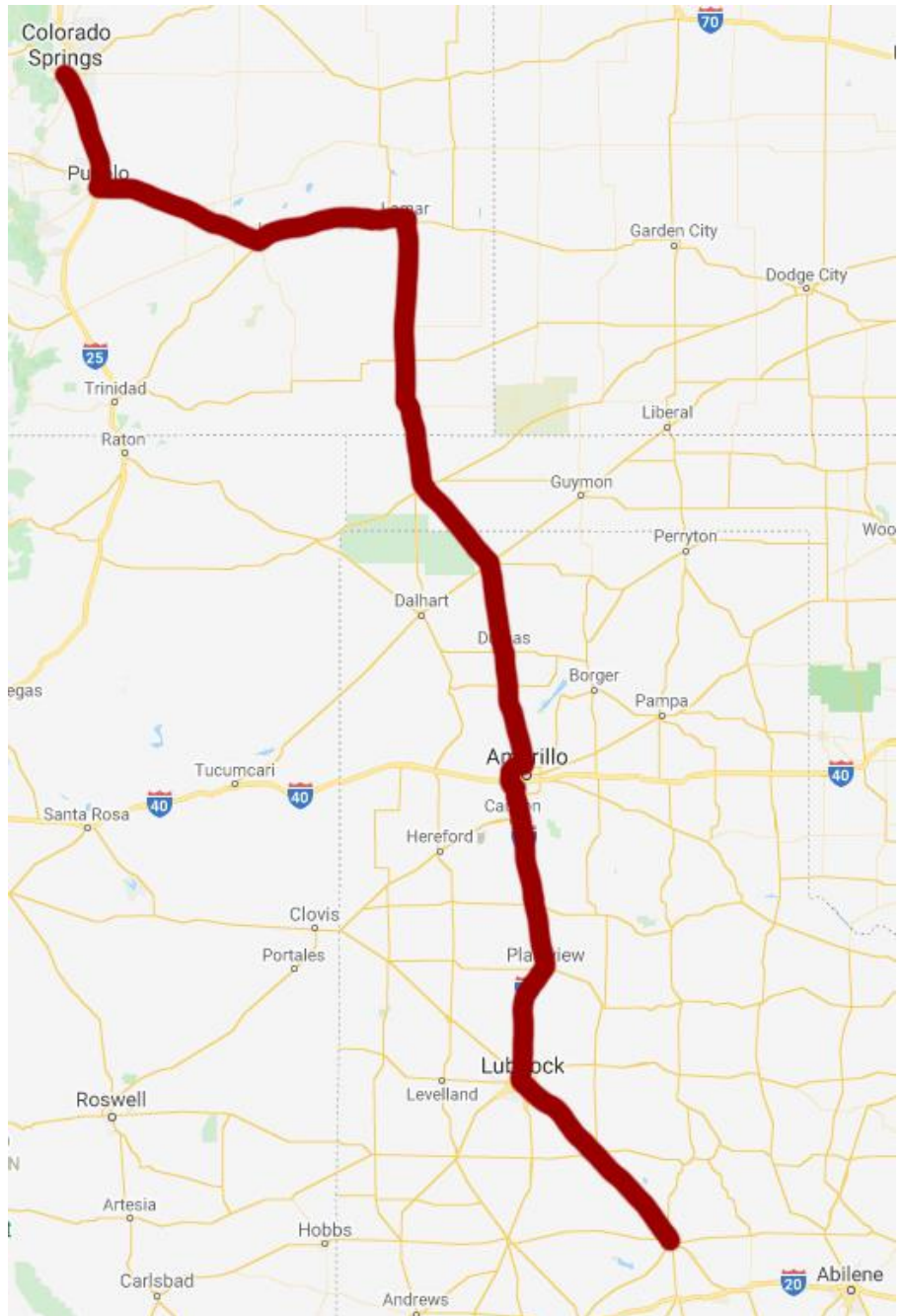
*At the Square René Viviani*

*At Montmartre.*



# Short Trip To Colorado

In early September, I had unexpectedly needed to travel up to Colorado for a funeral. By now, I think we can all say, sadly, that we have gone to at least one funeral this year. I knew about the funeral in late August to be in early September. A two part funeral would be on Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12. So, I planned to leave the week of Labor Day. I was originally going to leave on Tuesday, September 8, but the weather report predicted a sharp cooldown with high winds and the potential for rain and snow along my route. However, Monday was forecast to be sunny and warm. Well, I really don't like driving on ice or in any kind of weather where the roads could be dangerous, so I decided to leave on Monday instead. The only issue there was that because my car does not have working air, it would be rather hot even though the temps would only be in the 80s and 90s. Another factor I forgot was that it was Labor Day and many places would be closed as I would find out. Another thing that was different from my trips in the past was my route. I had heard from someone about some foolish rules that New Mexico established about the virus. I decided that I was having none of that foolishness and changed my route to take the plains direction. I had been wanting to take that route again for a while anyway, so it worked out fine. I would go from Snyder to Lubbock to Amarillo to Dumas to Boise City to Lamar to Pueblo to Colorado Springs.



Map source: Google Maps

# Short Trip To Colorado

## Monday, September 7, 2020

I partly loaded up the car the night before and loaded up the rest of what I planned to take and got going after 10 AM or so. The drive from Snyder to Lubbock was the same usual way I went except that I had not been out of town since early July, about two months. Apparently in that time, Garza County had repaved the road going from their county line up to the bridge south of Post. The road was MUCH better! I got off onto FM 1585 instead of going all the way to the loop. A short ways down were these fields of sunflowers. These fields have had sunflowers before in years past, but not every year. I stopped for a little while to take photos. I got further to Lubbock a little before noon. I planned to do a few things before leaving but quickly found out that because it was Labor Day, many places were closed! I did not get to do anything I planned, so I got gas somewhere else and just travelled on. I knew that I would wait until I got to Amarillo before getting lunch. I was on I-27 going north by about 1:00 PM. The run to Amarillo was as it usually was and not very heavy with traffic, but not empty either. I got to Amarillo a little before 3:00 PM and predecided I would stop at a Chick-fil-A in west Amarillo. I tell you what, Chick-fil-A has their drive through process down! Nowhere else can the place be packed, and you are in and out in ten minutes or less! I ate and was off again before 4:00 PM. By 5:15, I was at the Oklahoma border. Their panhandle is only about 30 miles wide, and so I was in Colorado in no time. I got



to Lamar a little after 6:00 PM mountain time to get some gas. From Lubbock to Lamar, I only used a little over half a tank of gas, which shows how much more efficient going the plains route is compared to the Raton Pass route through the mountains! It cuts off most of the ups and downs in elevation to be a very slow incline to Pueblo. From Lamar, I continued west to Pueblo. It was not too far along before seeing and smelling the evidence of the forest fires (okay, “wildfires”) happening in the state at the time. The smoke really filled the air! At one point, you could see the sun as a dull orange circle through the smoke! I had to close my windows for the smell was really strong. West of Rocky Ford, I had to take that same detour that was there when we did the second trip to Florida. It was still there. I got to Pueblo and I-25 around 8:30 PM. It was already dark. I got to Dad’s house about an hour later.

*The smoke in the distance was so thick that seeing the sun through it looked like a dull orange circle!*



# Short Trip To Colorado

## Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Since I got to Colorado Springs an extra day early, I would be there for two days before we would leave. Tuesday got quite cold as forecasted with a little bit of snow in the afternoon. About four inches of snow fell over the night. We did a few things both of those days and I definitely got caught up on laundry. I was wanting to get a haircut because I had not gotten one since mid May! I tried in Lubbock, but the place I usually went to was closed for Labor Day. So, I tried two places in Colorado Springs and they gave me every excuse NOT to cut my hair. So I basically had to go to the funeral with extra cruddy looking hair. Okay, whatever.



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## Wednesday, September 9, 2020

On Wednesday, we got some flowers and went over to where Mom's ashes were buried in the Rocky Mountain National Cemetery. I had not been there since the ashes were buried, though I did see photos. The temporary marker was replaced by a marble marker. I brought some nice sunflowers from the store to put by the stone. Mom had always liked daisies, but in the recent decade, she had been liking sunflowers too. Afterwards, we went over to Jersey Mike's for lunch. We would leave in the morning the next day.

*(This photo was from mid August.)*

# Short Trip To Colorado

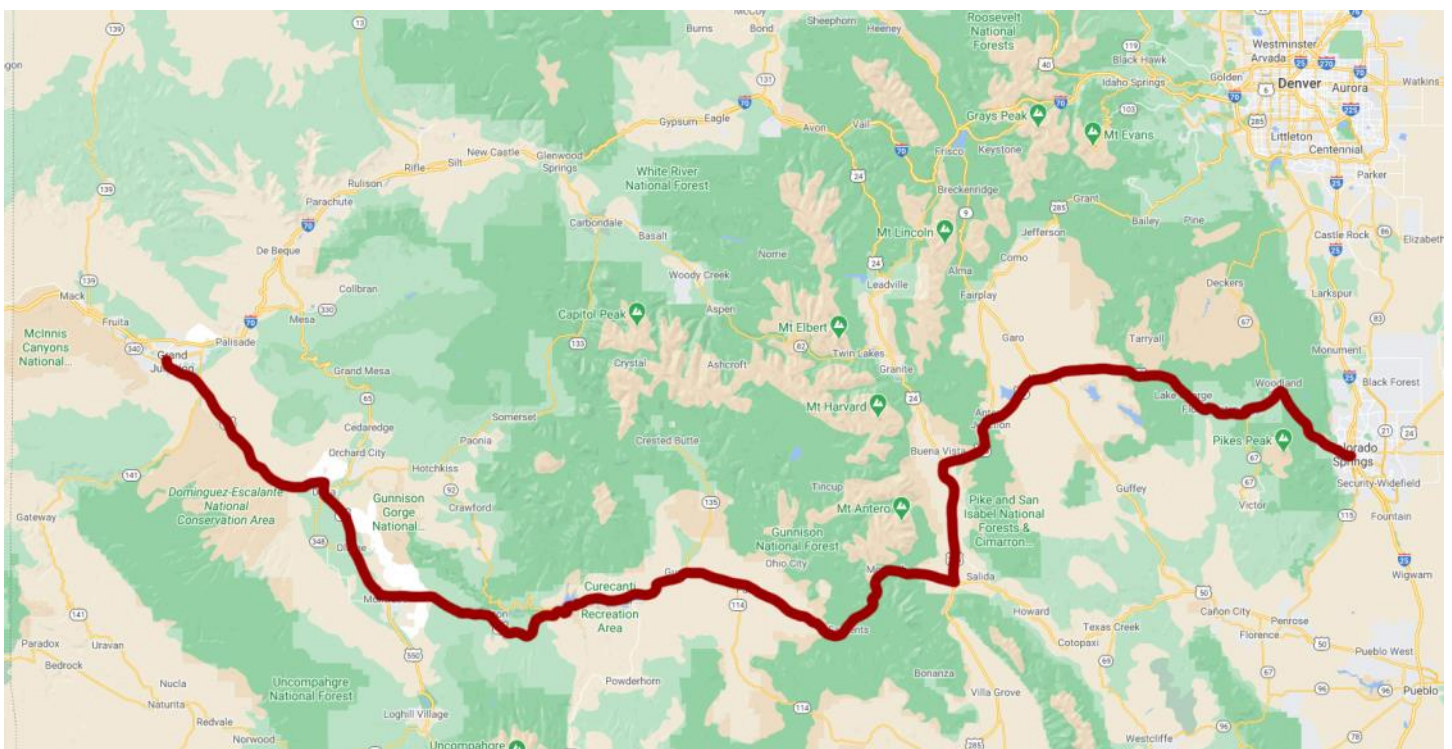
**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

The location of the funeral was in Grand Junction, Colorado. We wanted to get there a day early. It is only about a six hour drive or so, but we decided to take the US 50 route over and take the I-70 route on the way back. We left a little after 8:00 AM and took the route that was nearly the same as when I would go from the Springs to Leadville. The difference is that when we got to south of Buena Vista, we would then go south to near Salida and catch US 50 there to go west. In that area, there was some snow and as we went further, there were some area where the fog was so dense that we could not go faster than about 40 mph because of the curvy roads! Once we

got to a lower elevation, we left the fog altitude and the snow disappeared. The temps got warmer as well. Once we got to Montrose, we stopped to get lunch at Long John Silvers. We left around 2:15 and got into Grand Junction around 3:30 PM.



*Snow in Poncha Springs, Colorado*



Map source: Google Maps

# Short Trip To Colorado

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

As we were in Grand Junction for a funeral, we spent most of the time tending to that purpose. There were three main parts, a funeral service at the funeral home, a graveside service, and a sunrise spreading of ashes the next morning. All of the parts were as smooth as can be expected. We spent time with the family and went to different places.

After the main service and the later graveside service, Dad wanted to go over to Palisade to go to the produce stands. So, we made our way over in that direction. Palisade is known for their peaches, but the area also has vineyards, corn, pumpkins, and

a variety of other produce. We stopped at several stands and got some things. We hopped onto I-70 to go back towards Grand Junction. Dad wanted some lunch, so we stopped at a Wendy's (his usual favorite place) in nearby Clifton and it happened to be right by a Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply where I wanted to stock up on some specific things I had gotten from that store a few years ago. We ultimately met with the family later for dinner.



*You can see from this satellite view of Palisade that it is a small farming area in the Colorado River valley among the Rocky Mountains. US Highway 6 is the road where various produce stands are.*

*Map source: Google Maps*

# Short Trip To Colorado

## Saturday, September 12, 2020

On Saturday, the sunrise service was really early in the morning at the Colorado National Monument. By mid morning, we had the rest of the day available to do whatever. First, we went back to the motel to sleep for a couple of hours! After that, we decided to drive into the downtown area because we had heard about all of the art installations there. Indeed, the place was full of art, mostly sculptures! The area was full of them every ten to twenty feet! We drove around a little bit and rounded back to one area. We had lunch at a diner and walked around for a while. We went through an antique store where I found a few things to get. Later, we ate dinner with the family then went back to the motel.

Downtown Grand Junction looked like an interesting place! Since it was Saturday, various activities were happening and many people were around. In one area, a car show had a variety of restored cars from many decades. We first drove around a few streets and looped back to one area where we wanted to walk around. We parked and walked down Main Street between 5th Street and 6th Street. We originally thought about eating at a bagel place, but decided on the Main Street Café. We did not check out very many shops, but did spend some time at an antique store, A Robin's Nest of Antiques & Treasures, which had a nice variety of items. I bought a few things.

*The sunrise service was right as the sun was coming up at the Independence Monument View of the Colorado National Monument.*



# Short Trip To Colorado

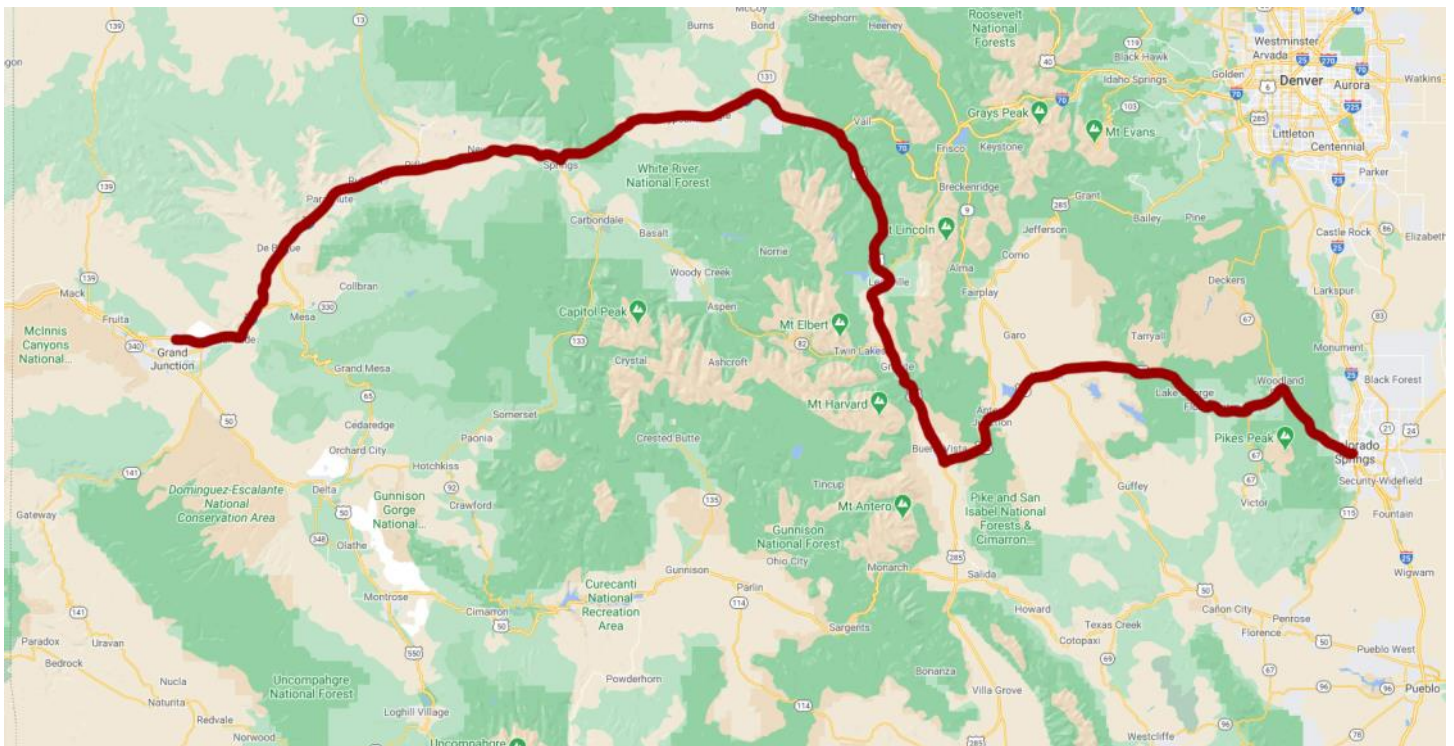
**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

We left mid morning and I would be driving this day. We took I-70 and I wanted to stop in Leadville on the way back to go to the museum where I had worked. We got as far as Glenwood Springs before we stopped to get a continental breakfast at City Market. When we travel, it had been quite standard to stop at a store and get doughnuts and juice. I usually got a doughnut, a banana, and bottled coffee. Also, I noticed that pumpkins were stocked in the stores at this time. About another hour later, we got to the turnoff near Vail (Minturn) where we would take the road to Leadville. If you remember my journal from October 2017, (oh yeah, I did not have any journals in most of 2017!) ... actually, I did an issue of a review of 2017 in January of 2018. On

page 22 of that issue representing October, I included some photos I took driving that road from Leadville to Minturn and back. I stopped back at that cabin there (as shown in those photos) and took some more detailed photos (go to another page in this issue for some of those photos). We got to the museum around 12:30 PM and stayed there for nearly three hours. Dad just wanted to get going and get back home even though I still wanted to do other things, but whatever. From Leadville, I drove down to Buena Vista and took the same route back to the Springs as we usually went. We got back to the house around 6:00. After we got back, a little while later, I went to Firehouse Subs to claim my free birthday sandwich for dinner.



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Map source: Google Maps

# Short Trip To Colorado

## Monday, September 14, 2020

I planned to leave on Tuesday because I had an appointment in Lubbock Wednesday morning. Again this day, I did laundry. We ate lunch at Golden Corral. I packed up some of the stuff in the evening.

## Tuesday, September 15, 2020

I left Dad's house a little after 11:00 AM and went to get gas at Costco and to get some breakfast at Chick-fil-A. However, since it was after breakfast time, I got some chicken nuggets and waffle fries instead and ate them nearby before leaving. I finally got to I-25 a little before 12:30 PM. The route was the same as before through the plains but in reverse to avoid the foolishness in New Mexico. I really did not do much until I got near Lamar. I had to go on

the same detour as before (maybe someday, they will get done whatever they are doing!) between Fowler and Rocky Ford. I stopped at an old schoolhouse building the was west of Lamar. I have past by this building before but never stopped. This time, I stopped and got a bunch of photos of the building and the landscape around it. Once I got to Lamar, I just kept going. I got to the Oklahoma border around 4:45 PM, so 5:45 PM back in the time zone. Then, I got to the Texas border in about 30 more minutes. I got to Amarillo by 7:45 PM and went back to the Chick-fil-A I stopped at on the way up. Since I had not eaten since leaving Colorado Springs, I ate up, then got gas (for the car), and got on I-27. It was already dark by the time I left and got to Lubbock by 10:30 PM. I planned on staying the night at a motel to make it easier to go to my appointment on Wednesday.



*This is the Star School in Bent County, Colorado outside of Lamar a few miles. It was built in 1889. The building has been partially restored.*

# Short Trip To Colorado



*This is the field next to the old schoolhouse.*

## Wednesday, September 16, 2020

My appointment was at 11:00 AM. I spent about two hours with the appointment then went to do a few errands I could not do on Labor Day when I left. One errand was to get my hair cut! I went back to the place I've gone to before and finally got to look much better! I went to Rudy's BBQ to reclaim another birthday freebie. By the late afternoon, I drove back home to Snyder.



*Across the street from the school house was this arrow "windmill" that was kind of neat looking.*



*Haircut, before. (after 4 months) 9.16.2020*



*Haircut, after. 9.17.2020*

*Amazing how less old I look with a haircut!*

# Sunflowers

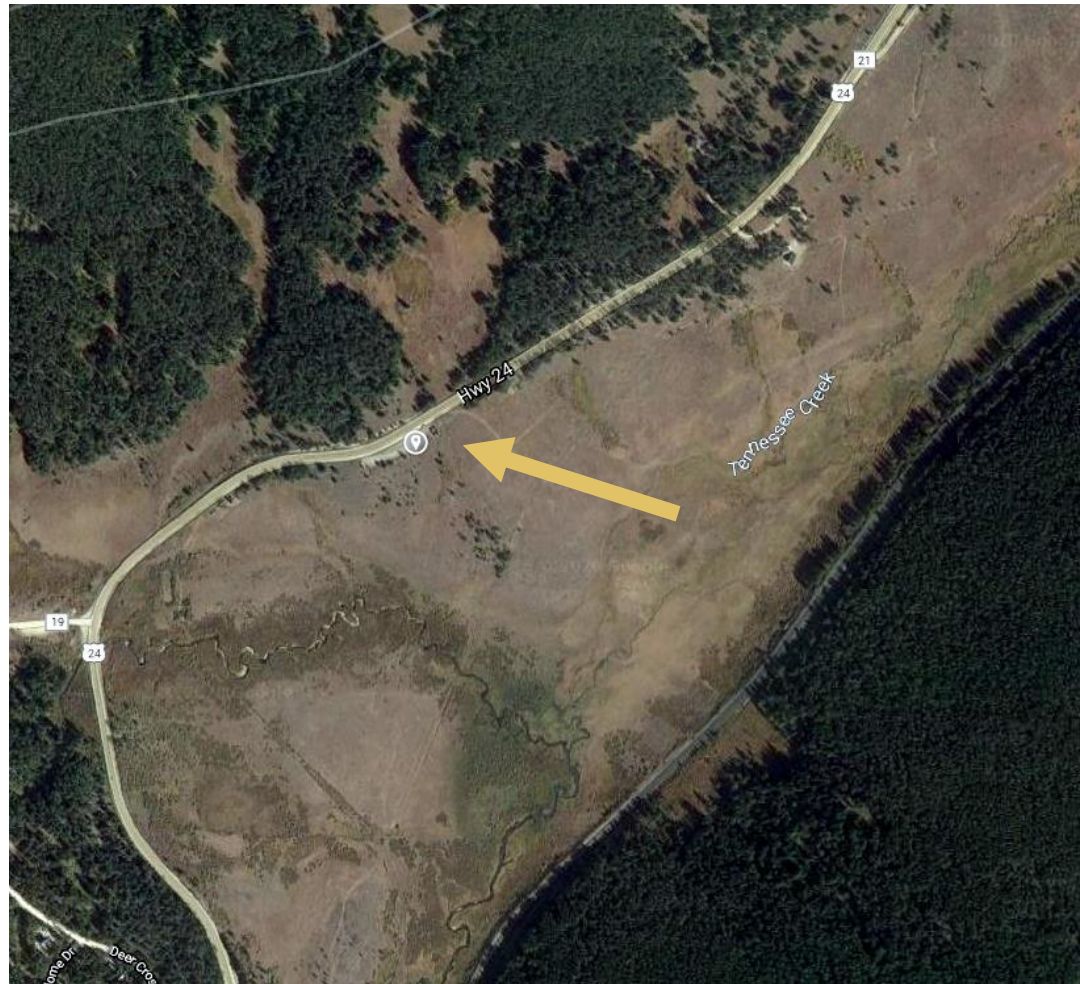
Just a field of sunflowers on Monday, September 7, 2020. Labor Day.



# Abandoned Cabin

Going from I-70 down US 24 to Leadville is a nice scenic, curvy road. A few miles before getting to the Leadville city limits is an old log cabin. I briefly featured this cabin in the January 2018 issue on the page covering October's activities. I wanted to stop again and get some more extensive photos of the cabin and some of its features.

The location of the cabin is right off the road along side of the road. There is also evidence of a gas pump island near the building leading me to believe that the cabin was once a gas station and quick stop store for the main road. If it was, that explains the general structure of the building.



*Map source: Google Maps*



# Abandoned Cabin



*You can see the evidence below of what looks like a gas pump "island" with a post and beam structure that was bolted in the middle.*



# Abandoned Cabin



*The building apparently had several additions to the original single room cabin at the front.*



*You can see the floor boards running diagonally across the floor joists here near the front door.*



*Being a log cabin, the gaps between the logs would have been chinked. Whoever built this cabin had a very interesting technique to hold the chinking in place!*



# Racetrack in Tombstone

In the film *Tombstone* (1993), Kurt Russell playing the character of Wyatt Earp states while meeting with other characters in the film:

*“You know, I was thinking, what this town could really use is a racetrack.”*

As it turns out, the town of Tombstone did have a race track! John “Jack” Doling had a race track from 1880 to 1888.

**RACES! RACES!**  
AT  
**DOLING'S RACE TRACK**  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1885.

There will be a grand Running Race for a Seventy-five dollar saddle. Five of the eight entries are all ready made.

Entrance Fee \$10.

The saddle is now on exhibition at Jack Doling's saloon on Fourth Street.

**Races! Races!**  
On Sunday next, there will be a grand afternoon of races at Doling's Race Track. The first race will be a quarter mile race for a purse of \$50, \$10 entrance, four to start. The second a 600 yard race for a purse of \$50 five to start, entrance \$10.

*Races! Races!!* The Daily Tombstone. August 5, 1886. Page 3.

*Races! Races!* The Daily Tombstone. April 30, 1885. Page 3.



Map source: Google Maps

# Town With the Long Name



WHAT... is... that??

Well... that is the name of a town in Wales, United Kingdom! This tiny village is located in northwest Wales on a small island called Anglesey that is reachable by boat or by train (or by car today). It is currently home to about 3000 people.

This name has 51 letters and 19 syllables! Welsh basically uses the Latin alphabet, but it has 7 vowels, including A E I O U with the addition of W and Y, and uses digraphs, which are two letters that make

one sound. That makes the alphabet have 29 letters with the addition of the letters of cd, dd, ff, ng, ll, ph, rh, and th. (While we see them as two letters together, in Welsh, they are considered as a single letter.) In addition, the alphabet does not have the letters K Q V X Z, although they might be used in borrowed words from other languages having them. See below for the general meaning of the long name.

Read more: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Llanfairpwllgwyngyll>

## Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch

Llanfair pwll gwyn gyll go ger y chwyrn drobwll llan tysilio gogo goch

[The] Church of [Saint] Mary [of/by/in the]

pool [“stand”] [of the] White Hazel [Trees] near [“over against”]

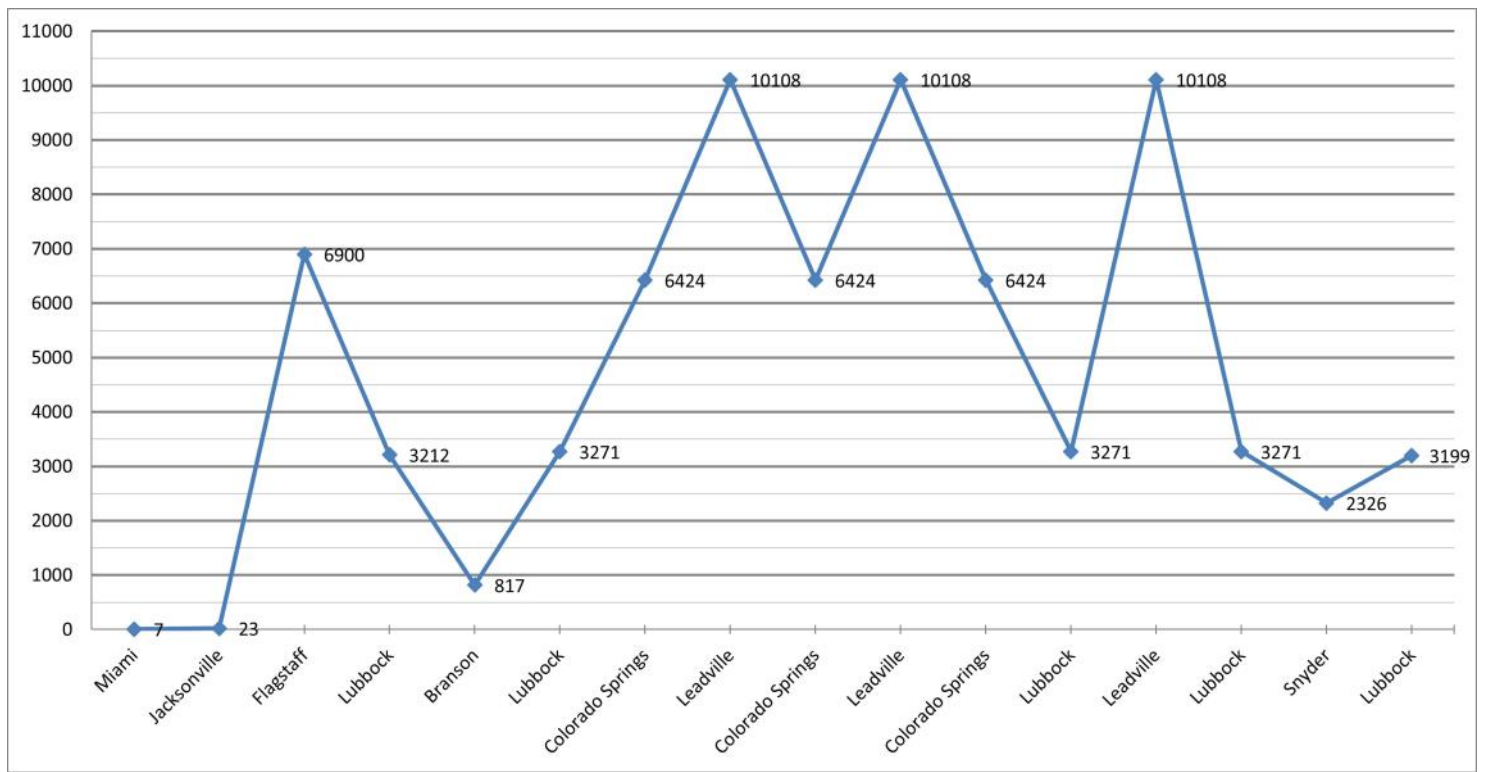
the Rapid Whirlpool

[and] the Church of [Saint] Tysilio of the Red Cave

# Cities Lived Update

Way back in the May 2014 issue of the journal, I included a chart of the places I have lived and the corresponding elevations. I thought it was interesting how I have lived at sea level and at ten thousand feet and various elevation in between. Now over six years later, I have more places I have lived and so an updated chart. As you can see, there are a bunch of “spikes” in the chart that oscillate between lower and higher elevations with some having short timespans in between. If I did the chart by year, the zigzag of the chart would be more extreme and erratic looking!

*You might have noticed in the chart that the chart includes another “Lubbock” after “Snyder”. That was not a mistake. I have been in Snyder for two years and the original reasons for moving here did not remain. I have been in Snyder for well over a year after the museum job ended and so it is time to leave and start over (again). With Mom having died back in the spring, some things are in the works for me to move and I’ll report on those things in later issues. For now, they will have to remain a mystery!*



## Birds on a Wire

*These birds are a Scissor Tailed Flycatcher. They like to fly around and sit on this wire near my apartment. They are very vocal birds!*

*Wikipedia states: “The scissor-tailed flycatcher, also known as the Texas bird-of-paradise and swallow-tailed flycatcher, is a long-tailed bird of the genus Tyrannus, whose members are collectively referred to as kingbirds.”*

# Snyder Garden



August 7, 2020.  
The garden just kept growing, but did sort of stall a little from the extreme heat of July and August. The heat didn't stop the peppers too much.

August 21, 2020.  
Pretty much the same except for some minor shuffling.



# Snyder Garden

Red Pepper Flake Peppers (usually there is a mix of pepper types, but this one appears to be cayenne)



Banana Peppers, green and red



Banana Peppers, green and red

Orange bell pepper

Pepperoncini



Banana Peppers, red and green



Two varieties of carrots.  
(They did not grow very big.)

# Snyder Garden

After I got back home from being away for six weeks in the spring, I decided that I wanted to grow some sunflowers from seeds. I had some seeds from the past ten years, and I bought some new seeds. Originally, I planted four varieties in four rows in this long square pot. The only variety of sunflower that grew was one called Mammoth Russian, and another one sprouted but dried up. I planted a second round of seeds and even a third round of seeds. The Mammoth Russian grew tall and had flowers several inches across and some of the other seeds flowered with small flowers, but that was the extent of the sunflowers.



*June 25, 2020*



*July 14, 2020*



*July 27, 2020*



*August 10, 2020*

*You might remember that this rectangle pot was the same pot I had some nice peas growing in that was full of pods, but the heat dried them up :-/*



*April 6, 2020*



*June 12, 2020*

# Snyder Garden



*August 13, 2020*



*August 21, 2020*

*The sunflowers that grew of the Mammoth Russian variety were very nice. But they were not the giant sunflowers that I thought they would be. But I was not disappointed with how they turned out.*



*August 22, 2020 (with yellow moth)*



*August 22, 2020*

# On September 30

On a short whim, I decided to drive down to Big Spring from Snyder on September 30. The drive along Highway 350 is about 45 miles through three counties. For most of the way, there is nothingness except farming, ranching, and oil production. There is also a lot of natural variation to the landscape and plant life. So, here are a few photos I took at certain stops along the way. Enjoy!



*This Aermotor model 701 windmill has definitely seen better days! Found along Highway 350 about halfway between Big Spring and Snyder.*

*Found these structures along Highway 350 about halfway between Big Spring and Snyder. (The windmill was near by.)*



# On September 30



Bumble bee

Moth

Tiny bug

Tinier bug



# On September 30

*Colorado River, looking east of the bridge.*



*Colorado River, looking west of the bridge.*



# On September 30



*Corner fence post with reinforcing, barbed wire, of course!*



*Prickly pears with dried yucca pods.*

*Cow tracks along the Colorado River bottom.*



# On September 30



*Blue dragonfly (or is it a blue damselfly?)*



*Prickly pear*



*This purple flowering shrub I think is called Texas Blazing Star (*liatris punctata*). It is also called Texas Gayfeather, Texas Liatris, and Bottlebrush Blazing Star. I think the bug is a "bee fly" (*bombyliidae*).*



# Final Thought

# de Stolfe Journal.....

**For Breakfast Try  
"Sunkist" Oranges**

**Luscious Tree-Ripened Fruit**

It is not sufficient to know that oranges are the most healthful of all fruits. It is quite as important to know the *kind* of oranges that are most healthful and most palatable. The very finest California oranges are now packed under the label "Sunkist." Please serve "Sunkist" oranges at breakfast tomorrow and learn the superiority of tree-ripened, seedless, fiberless oranges over the commonplace kind. *Don't fail to save the wrappers.*

There is so much "meat" and nourishment in "Sunkist" oranges and so little waste that, in addition to their extra fine flavor and goodness, they are really the most economical oranges to buy.

**"Sunkist" Lemons Juiciest**

Lemons differ as much as oranges. Pithy, thick-skinned lemons contain very little juice. You waste money when you buy them. Please ask for "Sunkist" Lemons and note how uniformly sound each one is, and what a small percentage is skin and seed.

**Get This Valuable Orange Spoon**

Save 12 "Sunkist" orange (or lemon) wrappers and send them to us, with 12 cents to pay charges, packing, etc., and we will present you with a genuine Rogers Orange Spoon, of beautiful design and highest quality. Begin saving wrappers today. If you desire more than one, send 12 "Sunkist" wrappers and 12 cents for each additional spoon. In remitting, please send one-cent stamps when the amount is less than 24 cents; on amounts above 24 cents, we prefer money order, express order or bank draft. Don't send cash. We will be glad to send you complete list of valuable premiums. We honor both "Sunkist" and "Red Ball" wrappers for premiums. (32)

**California Fruit Growers' Exchange  
34 Clark Street Chicago, Ill.**



*The Herald Democrat [Leadville, Colorado].  
Saturday, December 3, 1910. Page 5.*

*The Herald Democrat [Leadville, Colorado].  
Tuesday, July 26, 1892. Page 2. (altered graphic)*



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This shrub is called Texas Sage, *leucophyllum frutescens*. It is not a true sage, but it is an evergreen, not losing its leaves. It is native to the Texas area and northern Mexico. A long list of other names include: Texas Ranger, Texas rain sage, cenizo, Texas silverleaf, Texas barometerbush, ash-bush, wild lilac, purple sage, senisa, cenicilla, palo cenizo, and hierba del cenizo.

In Texas, the story goes that when this shrub blooms, it is a forecast of when it will rain, hence the names of Texas rain sage and Texas barometerbush.

Honey bee