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Covers activities in October and November 2020

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On The Cover



These crops are milo. They were in a field in Lubbock in early October.

We live in the 21st century! Anywhere you see a web link like this, click it to go automatically to the webpage that it references! (Try it now!)

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Comments by RG



Producer, RG de Stolfe

We are over halfway through fall. We have one month left of 2020 until we start a new year, 2021. I don't think anyone expected or could have even predicted the utter crap of the backstab this year brought upon us despite the high hopes we had at the start of the year. No one can debate that this year has brought on wave after wave of pure trash assaulting us in every direction, even from directions we could have never thought to consider. I am completely blown away by the intense hostility and anger that has surrounded us—without restraint and without letting up. To be quite honest, I do not have high hopes at all for 2021.

What this year has shown us is that we must love instead of hating—especially when we do not agree with someone else. Most of the time, it is far better for us to keep our

mouths shut so that we do not keep fueling the hatred by our own words! No doubt, we all have and will fail in occasional lashings of hateful words, but that is when we must halt then choose instead to say constructive words, not puffed up and flattering, but genuine words of love.

What we have seen this year is not simply a slip of the tongue, but pure hatred that comes from the heart and lashes out at everyone and everything that does not agree with them! This did not start this year. It has been a long standing corruption of the heart that has been boiling for years and that finally boiled over when they gained an outlet to violently express that hatred without punitiveness, much to the expense and damage of the entire country.

While many have the good idea of “let's just all come together in peace”, the factual evidence of that actually happening by our own efforts is deception. No one on the earth will ever completely agree with everyone else on earth. There is an enemy of hatred who steals, kills, and destroys everyone and everything he touches. Until the day he is put into eternal bondage, there can never be peace and agreement among all people.

For this issue of the journal, I have included many random things. I did not go anywhere these last two months. (I do not count Lubbock as a travel destination!) So, I do not have any travel features to include. But I have included many short things for you to peruse.

Enjoy!

Psalm 34:13

“Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.”

Psalm 39:1

“I said, “I will guard my ways, lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked are before me.” ”

James 3:2

“...we all stumble in many things...”

James 3:5-6

“...the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”

James 3:8-9

“But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men...”

Word for Life

Of the many books and chapters in the Bible, particularly in the New Testament, Philippians 4 has several gems that are often quoted as confessions. Even so, the entire chapter is full of good things to quote and confess. Here are a few from Philippians 4.



Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:20

Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word for Life

Capernaum

כְּפַר נַחֻם

Capernaum was a small fishing village on the north coast of the sea of Galilee in Israel. The name is an English transliteration of the Hebrew word (shown above) that translates as *Nahum's Village*. Another English wording is Kfar Nahum, where kfar (כְּפַר) means village. (It has been debated whether this Nahum is the Nahum of the Bible or a common name that happens to be the same as the book in the Bible. It appears that there is no connection to the minor prophet.) Like Israel and the lands along the coasts of the Mediterranean, the Romans occupied Israel as part of their empire. What is notable about this village from the New Testament is that it is where the apostle Peter lived and worked prior to becoming a disciple. Peter was a fisherman and lived really close to the coast of the sea. Peter's home is believed to be the site of a "great transformation" in the 300s, and where an octagonal Byzantine church was built in the middle of the 400s. In 1990, a modern church was carefully built over the ruins of the Byzantine church, which was built on the ruins of Peter's house. A little further away from the sea was a synagogue built in the 300s-400s that

appeared to be built upon the ruins of an even older synagogue that possibly is the one mentioned in the Gospels where Jesus taught when He was in Capernaum. This was also likely the area near where Jesus walked on the water in the storm on the sea in the late evening (John 6:16-21) after Jesus fed 500 people with five loaves of barley bread and two small fish (John 6:5-13).

Read More:

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capernaum>
- <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6&version=NKJV>



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"Buy Me A Coffee"

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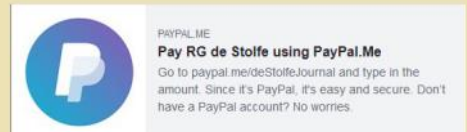
** Another similar platform is [Patreon](#). Currently, I am not a creator on Patreon. However, I do have an account since I am currently supporting other creators. [2 Corinthians 9:7]

As part of my new website for viewing and finding the archive of journals, I have established a means for people who like reading them to contribute financially. Currently, I have two ways to do it online.

"**Buy Me A Coffee**" is a simple platform to support creators through moduled amounts called "coffees". "**PayPal.me**" is an even easier way to donate whatever amount you wish. Go to destolfe.com for more info.

Support Through PayPal.me

PayPal.me is part of the PayPal system for sending funds directly to a person. The only cost to me is a small fee PayPal deducts. You can give any amount you wish. Click the graphic below to go to my PayPal.me page.



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CowsChewinCud
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- Cowboy saddle Cross, bullhide leath...
\$10.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Cross magnets made of cedar picke...
\$6.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Medium wide weathered cedar pick...
\$18.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Plain medium narrow wall Cross ma...
\$9.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Medium metallic chap leather doubl...
\$7.50
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Phone mat/pad, cloth and textured f...
\$4.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Handmade leather Christmas tree or...
\$7.50
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Large saddle Cross, various styles a...
\$10.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Medium saddle Cross, various leath...
\$7.50
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Leather "Cowboy Wallet", leather wa...
\$16.00
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Handmade YARN BALL for cats, cat ...
\$4.75
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Paracord key fob, military grade, ha...
\$7.50
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Horsenaill Cross KEYRING with color...
\$7.50
Eligible orders get 20% off
- Medium narrow wall Cross made of ...
\$12.00
Eligible orders get 20% off

Help support small businesses and the people who own them this Christmas by buying local or by buying from small companies. As for me, I make and sell on Etsy the handmade items shown here. To view and buy them, go to my [Cows Chewin' Cud on Etsy](#).



BY



Random Things

Ground Squirrel

In early October, I looked out my window and behold, I saw it! This is the ground squirrel I've reported seeing before in the last couple of years since living in Snyder. This particular version is called a Mexican Ground Squirrel that are found throughout southeastern New Mexico, southern and western Texas, and in Mexico.

"The Mexican Ground Squirrel is a small bodied animal with brown fur and nine rows of squarish white spots on its back. It has a whitish belly, small, round ears and a moderately bushy tail."



Mouse House, Field Yield

Mouse House, Field Yield

I was startled by a little gray mouse
Crawling through my house.

So, I caught that cute little mouse
Cause I didn't want it in my house.

So, I took it out to the nearby field
Where it'll have a better yield.

And in that lush field,
Plenty will be its yield.

RG de Stolfe, 2020

Blue Jay

At the end of October, I looked out my bedroom window and saw a blue jay! My first thought was that I rarely see blue jays, but yet here is one just outside of my window! So I grabbed my camera real quick and got a few pics.



Random Things

Monarch Butterflies

I was sitting on my porch in a warm afternoon in mid November and saw these things fluttering and hopping all over the grass. Of course, they were monarch butterflies. There were two or three of them that would bounce around then stay on the ground for a minute before moving again. This is the time of year that they are migrating back to Mexico, albeit at the tail end of it. For more information about them, check out my September 2018 issue on page 23.



10.1.2020, 3:31 AM, Snyder, Texas

10.31.2020, 2:12 AM, Snyder, Texas

10.31.2020, 11:29 PM, Snyder, Texas

Robins

I was at my computer one day and heard a lot of chatter outside. I looked out the window and saw several robins out on the grass of my apartment. I looked out my other window and saw a few more. It turns out the whole entire front of my particular building had loads of robins. I am guessing that they were on a stop to their winter grounds. The only problem was that they left a nasty mess all over the sidewalks!



Random Things

The Hustle

Twas the night before the election
And all through the country
Was the fervent deflection
Of the big hair and the scary

With continual hustle
Of travel cross the country
The last round of bustle
Rounding up supportry

However, we do not gesticulate
The fact of the whole
Of that sovereign best
God is in control!

By RG de Stolfe
November 2, 2020

Very Relevant Post

I came across a photo on Facebook of a small article of the Ann Landers column from a newspaper. The article itself was from 2002, but the reference included within it was from an even earlier time. The letter to Ann was from a teacher asking about one of her old posts the teacher recalled seeing. It was a simplified explanation of government systems using the concepts of having cows. This seems extremely relevant for this very hour we are living.

Socialism—You have two cows. You [are obligated to] give one to your neighbor.

Communism—You have two cows. You [must] give both cows to the government, and they [might] give you some milk [in return].

Fascism—You have two cows. You [must] give all of the milk to the government, and the government sells it [and keeps the money].

Nazism—You have two cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows.

Anarchism—You have two cows. You keep both cows, shoot the government agent, and steal another cow.

Capitalism—You have two cows. You sell one [by choice], and you buy a bull [in which you can then produce more cattle from the cow and bull].

Thanksgiving 2020

This year, I decided to stay home and spend Thanksgiving by myself even though I did have an invitation to go to a friend's place. I also thought about going to Cracker Barrel for their annual meal, but also decided just to stay home. I have been quite soured by all the senseless crap going on in the world right now. I am at the most peace being by myself. So with that decision made, I then decided to make a full dinner. I bought a boneless Butterball turkey and cooked it *en cocotte*, which also made a fantastic gravy! I made homemade stuffing with some bread I had in the freezer. I made mashed potatoes by baking them first then mashing them with butter, milk, salt, and pepper. I cut fresh carrots and cooked them with frozen peas. I made some awesome rolls with a new recipe I found. Lastly, I made homemade pumpkin pie with scratch butter crust. All of it was quite yummy! And of course, I had some tea and some cranberry sauce.



Very yummy rolls



Pumpkin Pie

Random Things

eBay is 25 Years Old

I got an email from eBay on September 2 stating that eBay was 25 years old, having started in 1995! My joining eBay was quite unintentional! I joined on March 28, 2007 in order to make a purchase of an item I found that I thought was important to include in an exhibition I was creating while working at the National Ranching Heritage Center. (That item was for the Dining on the Santa Fe exhibition that became very popular. A magazine article I wrote is in my journal, split between the November 2012 issue and the December 2012 issue.) Basically, I would not use eBay again until 2010 (after I stopped working for the NRHC) when I wanted to start selling items on eBay to make some extra money.



25 years of people being trailblazers

And we mean you. Robert-George, thank you for choosing eBay. Here's a look back at your history with us.

Your eBay journey

Fun firsts, big wins, and memories made together.



Joined

You registered as cowboyrg on 3-28-2007!



First purchase

You scored 1956 AD SANTA FE RAILROAD HOW FINE A TRAIN..SUPER CHIEF on 3-28-2007.

Have Had Yahoo! eMail for 18 Years

Yahoo sent me a special email on Friday, October 2. This was the date in 2002 when I established a new email account with Yahoo. At the time, I was using the email system with the university, but I also knew that eventually I would no longer be allowed to use that email address. And so, I still use it today, even though I also have other email addresses.



Take a look at what you've shopped!



- Fashion - 1%
- Electronics - 17%
- Collectibles & Art - 58%
- Home & Garden - 14%
- Toys & Hobbies - 0%
- eBay Motors - 0%
- Business & Industrial - 1%
- Other - 9%

Take a look at what you've sold!



- Fashion - 32%
- Electronics - 34%
- Collectibles & Art - 9%
- Home & Garden - 16%
- Toys & Hobbies - 0%
- eBay Motors - 0%
- Business & Industrial - 0%
- Other - 9%

Random Things

Published Article

Right at the start of the lockdown in March of 2020, I was thinking of ways to help with people's morale or ways to keep people's mind occupied on happy things. I decided to submit one of my writings from the previous year to the local paper, The Snyder News (which had just changed from Snyder Daily News), to publish as they wish. About a week or so later, I saw my article and photo in the Wednesday, April 1, 2020 issue! It took up a sizable amount of space as you can see from these two photos. The editors were quite appreciative to be able to publish something else that was not doom and gloom that we were hearing in droves at the time!

Wednesday April 1, 2020

The Snyder News

Historical markers tell the story of Scurry County

Robert-George de Stofe
Special to The Snyder News

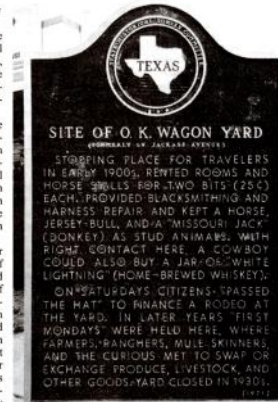
Scurry County has a large number of Texas historical markers within its square, 61 of them according to the Texas Historical Commission, with 49 of them in Snyder alone.

At least a dozen of them are located on or near the courthouse square of downtown Snyder. One particular marker was dedicated on April 19, 1971 and is located on the northeast corner of 24th Street and Avenue R with the title of Site of O. K. Wagon Yard.

The text on the marker describes the local color of Snyder in its early days and is packed with a variety of details that clearly were modeled after an article written by John Portis and published in the *Snyder Daily News* on April 19, 1970. The content and wording of the marker are nearly identical to what is shown in the article. The article was also a near exact copy of a writing made by Portis in a self-published booklet.

In it, he stated that the O.K. Wagon Yard was owned by brothers Bill and Drew Taylor.

A wagon yard served as an overnight stop for people traversing by horse or horse drawn wagon before the widespread use of automobiles as transportation. Being a much slower method of transportation, wagon travel could take a day just to go from one county to another. A wagon yard could be described as somewhat similar to an RV park of today. Portis added in his writing that



Contributed photo
Pictured is the historical marker located on the northeast corner of 24th Street and Avenue R in Snyder.

but also vividly remembered smelling the smoke from the mesquite stump fire glowing in the midst of the yard every night while people took advantage of its conveniences, often whittling and talking. With this memory being nearly 50 years after the fact (and now almost 100 years after

1924), extracting the meaning of "conveniences" is difficult to determine.

One reliable way to establish how the wagon yard was generally laid out is by viewing maps made by The Sanborn Map Company of New York. They created maps to document towns countrywide for fire insurance.

A Sanborn map in 1911 showed Snyder having at least five wagon yards within a couple blocks' radius of the courthouse square with one at Church Street in between North Street and Borden Street, which is the site of the O.K. Wagon Yard.

The 1911 map and another one in 1920 show the previous street names: Church Street became Avenue R, Borden Street became 23rd Street, and North Street became 24th Street. Jackass Avenue (in reference to a male donkey) for Church Street is likely an early informal name for the road before the first formal names were assigned. The 1911 map also showed the wagon yard spanning nearly the entire western half of its block with several vaguely identified structures.

On the north end of the lot, a long, thin building possibly served as the "cabins", perhaps in a motel-like arrangement. In the very middle of the lot was another large structure that the 1920 map identified as a wagon shed

History

Continued from Page 5

identified as a wagon shed with a feed shed directly to the west. South of these structures was a barn that served as a livery and probably also the location of the breeding barn for the stud animals. A livery was usually a separate business where a person could rent a horse, not unlike today's idea of a rental car business.

Another Sanborn map in 1936 showed the loca-

tion as basically cleared out with two completely different structures, a camp shed about where the wagon shed was, and a grain shed about where the feed shed was. This suggests that the wagon yard was demolished sometime between 1920 and 1936. Portis wrote that "in the early thirties, progress overtook the wagon yard and it was torn down" which he thought was because "the automobile

replaced the wagon and the blacksmith shop is being replaced by the machine shop".

In a general letter written in 1970, Hugh Boren Jr. described what First Monday was.

"During the years 1932 through 1938, the O. K. Wagon Yard became a place where First Monday was held. This was THE DAY... throughout the county and elsewhere... when all people brought in their wares to trade. Farmers, ranchers, hoss traders, mule skimmers, women, children, or anybody brought anything they had that they wanted to swap for something else. This was mostly done on a barter basis." Another name for this

is a "swap meet" or a "flea market" or today is simply called a yard sale. Mr. Portis commented, "If you knew the right person you could also buy a fruit jar of white lightning," which the historical marker stated was home-brewed whiskey. It is possible that the First Mondays continued for several years on the same lot after the wagon yard itself was gone.

Another very popular activity on the wagon yard grounds was a precursor of today's rodeos. The rodeos of today did not become formally organized with competitions until 1929 with the creation of the Rodeo Association of America, and what

eventually morphed into the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) of today, albeit through several twists and turns.

Before 1929, cowboys would simply edge each other in friendly dares of feats of skill as recreation or fun. In the letter by Hugh Boren Jr., he wrote, "possibly as early as 1916, I remember my first rodeo. The place... [was] at the O.K. Wagon Yard..." He went on to write, "The show started with a banter of one cowboy saying to the other that he could not ride a certain 'bronk' meaning an unbroken horse."

The bantering, betting, and arguments went on for several

minutes, until the one cowboy said, "If you will raise \$1.50, I will saddle and ride him." This in itself was quite a show, which led to the passing of the hat around to the spectators, some 15 or 20 people." Boren wrote that he put in 7¢ and while only 75¢ was collected, the show continued. Portis stated, "a cowboy would ear down [get hold of] a bronc, saddle him up, and top him off [ride him] or vice versa [get bucked off]."

However, Boren provided paragraphs of great detail of what happened next from the catching of a horse, saddling and the bucking, belling and bawling of the bronc.

He even identified this specific rider as Booger Red. Another interesting point he made was that there were no women around watching the action, which allowed Booger, "a rather expressive sort of cowboy" to cuss his way through the ride.

Today, the southwest corner of the lot where the marker is has a building that used to be the Snyder post office and is now an air conditioning business, while at the northwest corner exists the Snyder Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

Indeed, the O.K. Wagon Yard saw much action in the span of its existence.

To read this article, refer to the February 2019 issue of the de Stofe Journal.

Historical Things

FAD OF THE MONOCLE.

It Was Introduced by a Dutch Dandy,
Jonkheer Breele.

One of the interesting things written about the monocle is that the fashion was introduced at the congress of Vienna, the congress which remade the map of Europe. Sir Horace Rumbold, in writing on the subject of the origin of odd fashions and customs, said that a Dutch exquisite, Jonkheer Breele, was the first man to wear a monocle and showed the then brand new fad to the diplomats and others assembled at the congress of Vienna. After that introduction the fad spread to all parts of Europe, but took its deepest hold on certain members of the English well to do classes.

Toward the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century the fad of wearing the monocle had become so popular that the writer of a book on the cure of the eyes and preservation of the vision inveighed against it. The name of that writer was Dr. Kitchiner, and in 1823 he published "Economy of the Eyes." Among many adverse references to the monocle he wrote: "A single glass, set in a smart ring, is often used by trinket fanciers for fashion's sake. These folks have not the least defect in their sight and are not aware of the mischievous consequences of such irritation."—Washington Star.

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The Herald Democrat. September 6, 1915.

Monocle



Historical Things

I came across this photo in a post on Facebook (original source unknown, but it pops up in a variety of places on and off of Facebook) that was too cool not to pass on! The caption stated,

Model T with optional high water kit sold by Trilacoochee Ford in Green Swamp, Florida.

So of course, I had to look up all of that information! Green Swamp is indeed a swamp in central Florida almost halfway between Orlando and Tampa. It is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve within Polk County, Lake County, Sumter County, Hernando County, and Pasco County. So, yes I can imagine regular issues of high water or water covered roads!

The photo does look a little strange and with some assumption, I thought the caption could be inaccurate or possibly even made up! What is obvious is that the photo seems real (despite someone taking the photo while standing in the flood). It is not unusual that photos of the time and earlier were taken while still, as evidenced by the driver looking at the camera.

I did find one website that discussed the photo in depth and called out a few errors and made some opinions. The [author of the post](#) is Jason Torchinsky of the online site, Jalopnik, dated October 19, 2020. First, he stated that barrenness of the trees does not seem to match the evergreen trees and brush of Florida, let alone of a swampy area. But I suppose that could be debated. However, he did do some

checking with Ford to get some concrete information. Here is what he found from a person from the Benson Ford Research Center.

“I wasn’t able to find any information on this one. I didn’t see any reference to this type of conversion kit in any of the FMC materials I looked at, however judging from the Ford Owner and Dealer magazine it looks like there were many crazy conversions going on in the Model T days, but I didn’t see any in the magazine for a highwater type kit...”

“As for Trilacoochee Ford, I looked through the dealer ledgers we have from 1908-1918 and 1924 but didn’t see any dealerships listed in Green Swamp, Florida.”

Torchinsky concluded that he thinks it was an aftermarket conversion of this one vehicle. He thinks that “the point of this is to just raise the body (and, I guess, engine) out of the water, kind of like a car on stilts”.

I’d say that it was like the original lift kit from a hundred years ago!



Presidential Turkey Pardon

The annual tradition continues with the presidential pardon of a turkey before Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 24. The two contenders for 2020 were Corn and Cob. The people of the United States could vote on the White House website and the site stated, "After a close vote, Americans chose "Corn", a 42 lb. bird from Iowa, as this year's honoree". President Trump then declared the pardon over Corn in the

Rose Garden of the White House. But not to worry, both birds will live a life of luxury the rest of their days happily on the campus of Iowa State University. The website also stated, "Corn and Cob were raised by Ron Kardel, National Turkey Federation Chairman and a 6th generation turkey, corn, and soybean farmer from Walcott, Iowa!" Here are some other recent turkeys pardoned.

Pardoned

CORN

Hatched: July 2, 2020
 Height: 32"
 Weight: 42 lbs.
 Wing Span: 35"
 Favorite Snack: Sweet corn
 Personality Type: Chatty
 Favorite Sport: College football
 Favorite Pastime: Storm chasing
 Travel Goal: Iowa State Fair
 Fitness Goal: Perfecting the high jump



Presidential
TURKEY PARDON
2020

COB

Hatched: July 2, 2020
 Height: 31"
 Weight: 41 lbs.
 Wing Span: 34"
 Favorite Snack: Soybeans
 Personality Type: Type A
 Favorite Sport: Pickleball
 Favorite Pastime: Puzzles
 Travel Goal: Visiting the D.C. monuments
 Fitness Goal: Biking across Iowa



Presidential
TURKEY PARDON
2020

2019

Bread

Hatch Date: July 11, 2019
 Height: 32" Weight: 45 lbs Wing Span: 35"
 Favorite Music/Band: Bluegrass
 Favorite Snack: Cheerwine
 Gobble Style: Loquacious
 Favorite Sport: College Basketball
 Favorite Pastime: Leaf peeping
 Goal: Mastering aerial yoga



Butter

Hatch Date: July 11, 2019
 Height: 31" Weight: 47 lbs Wing Span: 36"
 Favorite Music/Band: Bagpipes
 Favorite Snack: Sweet Potato Fries
 Gobble Style: Rowdy
 Favorite Sport: NASCAR
 Favorite Pastime: Visiting the Outer Banks
 Goal: Personal best in the Turkey Trot

Pardoned



2018

Peas:

Pardoned

Hatch Date: June 28, 2018
 Height: 30" Weight: 39lbs Wing Span: 36"
 Favorite Music/Band: Brad Paisley
 Favorite Snack: Popcorn
 Gobble Style: Boisterous
 Favorite Sport: Ice Fishing
 Favorite Pastime: Watching planes
 Goal: Learn to Fly



Carrots:

Hatch Date: June 28, 2018
 Height: 32" Weight: 41lbs Wing Span: 36"
 Favorite Music/Band: Elvis
 Favorite Snack: M & M's
 Gobble Style: Strong and Confident
 Favorite Sport: Telemark Snow Skiing
 Favorite Pastime: Yoga
 Goal: Meet the Virginia Tech HokieBird



Minor Earthquake

Another Minor Quake

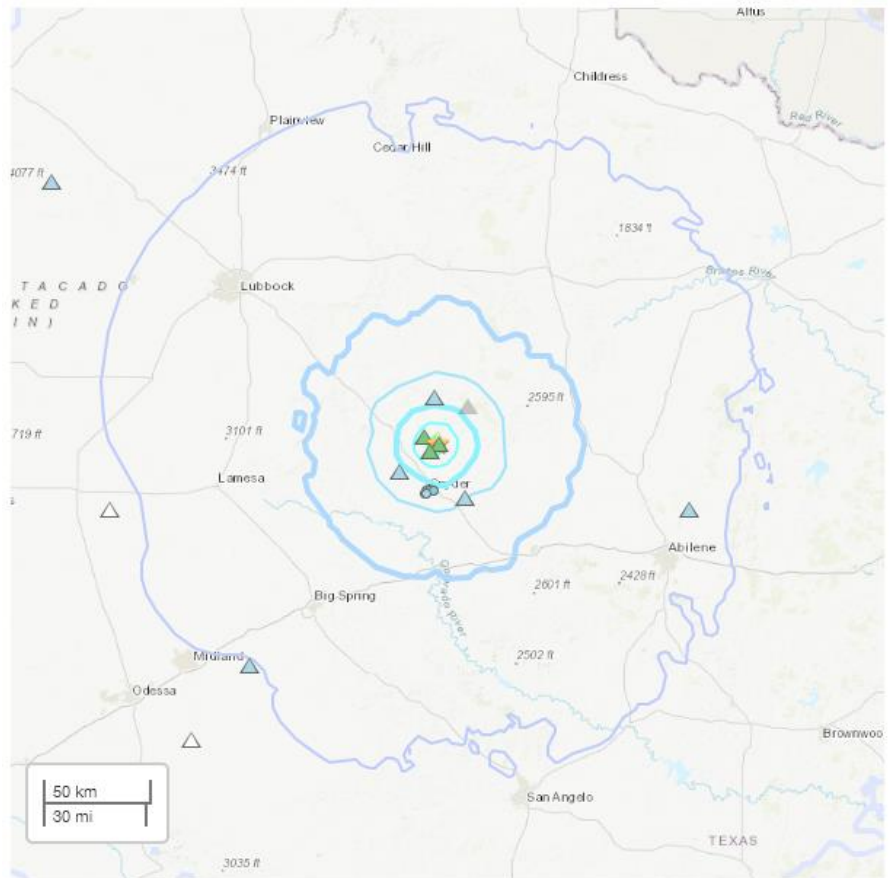
Just before 10:30 PM on Saturday, November 14 in Snyder, I felt a strange unsettling feeling! It only lasted for a split second, but it was an earthquake. Now, Snyder has had small earthquakes before, even multiple times within the two years that I have lived in Snyder. I immediately went to the United States Geological Survey website I have done before to check for quake updates. After a few minutes, a red dot showed up by Snyder. I clicked the dot, and it showed a quake of 3.5 on the Richter scale at a depth of 5 kilometers (just over 3 miles) with the coordinates of 32.908°N 100.879°W. It was likely only felt within the county.

When it happened for that split second, the walls shook like someone slammed a heavy door, but I

also felt the concrete floor under me shake almost as if it was about to cave in. It felt really weird, especially because I was sitting in a chair at my computer. The last time I felt a quake in Snyder was at the end of July 2019 and four within 24 hours at the end of September of 2019. I reported about those quakes in the September 2019 issue. One of those quakes hit 4.0 on the Richter scale.

When Snyder has had earthquakes before, they were rarely higher than 4.0 at the “worst”. The strongest one was a 4.6 in 1978. These quakes are usually caused by water injection associated with oil production. The areas south and southwest of Midland and Odessa get minor earthquakes frequently from the oil production in the oil fields. Even the Petroleum Museum in Midland has a small exhibit explaining earthquakes.

As you can see from the map to the right, the thick blue contour is where the quake was mostly felt, basically within the county. If someone was hyper sensitive to earthquakes, they could potentially have felt very slight shaking as far as in Lubbock, Midland, or Abilene.



SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
DAMAGE	None	None	None	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
PGA(%g)	<0.00663	0.0795	0.954	4.99	8.76	15.4	27	47.4	>83.2
PGV(cm/s)	<0.0028	0.0383	0.524	3.03	6.48	13.9	29.6	63.4	>136
INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based on Atkinson and Kaka (2007) Version 4: Processed 2020-11-16T04:28:39Z
 △ Seismic Instrument ○ Reported Intensity ★ Epicenter



M 3.5 - 21 km N of Snyder, Texas

Time 2020-11-14 22:27:02 (UTC-06:00)
 Location 32.908°N 100.879°W
 Depth 5.0 km

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/map/>

Crazy Days



There are some crazy and fun celebrational days out there! They are not holidays, but special recognitions for just about everything! The National Day Calendar keeps track of these official days. I'll list a very small few of them here by date for you to LOL, salivate, and scratch your head! You can probably expect a few of these to become special issues in the future! (wink)

www.nationaldaycalendar.com

National Creampuff Day, January 2
National Static Electricity Day, January 9
National Step In A Puddle And Splash Your Friends Day, January 11
National Glazed Doughnut Day, January 12
National Pie Day, January 23
National Peanut Butter Day, January 24
National Chocolate Cake Day, January 27
National Bubble Wrap Day, Last Monday Of January
National Hot Chocolate Day, January 31

National Fettuccine Alfredo Day, February 7
National Cheddar Day, February 13
National Do A Grouch A Favor Day, February 16
National Leap Day, National Time Refund Day, February 29

National Flapjack Day, March 7
National Cereal Day, March 7
National Ranch Dressing Day, March 10
National Potato Chips Day, March 14
National Chips And Dip Day, March 23
National Tater Day, March 31

National Peanut Butter And Jelly Day, April 2
National Ramen Noodle Day, April 4
National Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Day, April 12
National Eggs Benedict Day, April 16
National Lima Bean Respect Day, April 20
National Pretzels Day, April 26

National Eat What You Want Day, May 11
National Hummus Day, May 13
National Crouton Day, May 13
National Buttermilk Biscuit Day, May 14
World Baking Day, Third Sunday Of May
National Hamburger Day, May 28

National Egg Day, June 3
National Doughnut Day, First Friday Of June, November 5
National Upsy Daisy Day, June 8
National Ballpoint Pen Day, June 10
National Pop Goes The Weasel Day, June 14
International Picnic Day, June 18

National French Fry Day, July 13
National Rat Catcher's Day, July 22 (As In The Pied Piper Of Hamelin)
National Avocado Day, July 31

National Grab Some Nuts Day, August 3
National Lazy Day, August 10
National Sponge Cake Day, August 23
National Toasted Marshmallows Day, August 30
National Trail Mix Day, August 31

World Beard Day, First Saturday Of September
International Bacon Day, Saturday Before Labor Day
National Biscuits And Gravy Week, Second Week Of September
National Cream Filled Doughnut Day, September 14
National Talk Like A Pirate Day, September 19
National Situational Awareness Day, September 26
National Coffee Day, September 29

International Coffee Day, October 1
National No Bra Day, October 13
National White Cane Safety Day, October 15 (Canes Used By The Blind)
National No Beard Day, October 18
Bra Day Usa, Third Wednesday Of October
National Hermit Day, October 29
National Oatmeal Day, October 29

National Doughnut Day, November 5, First Friday Of June
National Homemade Bread Day, November 17
National Absurdity Day, November 20

National Lost Sock Day, December 4
National Gazpacho Day, December 6
National Make Up Your Mind Day, December 31

Guffaw the Speech

Have you ever thought about how weird and strange and funny many of the words are in the English language? Well, just for laughs, grins, and giggles, here is a nice list of some of the funniest words in English! Enjoy!

(I shall not even attempt to define them or explain how they are pronounced! And yes, I looked up each word to make sure they were spelled correctly!)

Annigoglin	Druthers	Lollygag
Antigoglin	Egad	Malarkey
Audacity	Festooned	Nincompoop
Balderdash	Fiddle-Dee-Dee	Numbskull
Baloney	Fiddle-Dee-Dum	Oblivious
Bamboozled	Fiddle-Faddle	Ostrobogulus
Bejabbers	Fiddlesticks	Periwinkle
Bejeebers	Fidgety	Persnickety
Berserk	Flabbergasted	Poppycock
Blubber	Flibbertigibbet	Pumpernickel
Bodacious	Flim-Flam	Ragamuffin
Bogus	Flummoxed	Rambunctious
Britches	Fuddy-Duddy	Rigamarole
Brouhaha	Gallivant	Rigmarole
Camaraderie	Galluses	Rutabaga
Catawampus	Gobsmacked	Shenanigans
Caterwauling	Guffaw	Skedaddle
Chucklehead	Hodgepodge	Skewwhiff
Circumlocution	Hoodwink	Skulduggery
Codger	Hullabaloo	Tarnation
Concoction	Humbug	Thingamabob
Confuzzled	Impolistical	Thingamajig
Conjubilant	Jalopy	Thunderation
Decrepit	Jeepers	Tomfoolery
Diphthong	Kerfuffle	Whatchamacallit
Discombobulated	Kibosh	Whatsit
Dollop	Knucklehead	Whosenergadget
Doodle	Lambasted	Willy-Nilly
Doohickey	Larrapin	Wishy-Washy

Veteran's Day

November 11 every year is Veteran's Day in the United States. However, the date actually goes back one hundred years to the end of the Great War, which later became known as World War I, on November 11, 1918.

When I was hired as the curator at the Scurry County Museum two years ago, my very first

exhibition to create was something for Veteran's Day. Since it was the 100 year anniversary of the end of the War, it was a no brainer to do an exhibition about it. Here are some photos of that relatively small, but impactful exhibition.

I don't have enough room here to explain every detail and artifact.



The Great War,
which today is known as World War I, was the war to end all wars in the early 20th Century, starting on July 28, 1914 through November 11, 1918. This November marks 100 years of the end of the war with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany in Compiègne, France. The day is called Armistice Day and is also known as Veteran's Day in the United States.

Humanity of the Soldiers
The harsh realities of war can often make us forget about the humanity of the soldiers fighting, especially for wars that continue on for years. Let us not forget that even the soldiers had to live life daily with some sort of routine, even if that routine is different from a similar routine at home. This mini exhibit is dedicated to showing personal items belonging to soldiers of the Great War.

48 Star Flag
The U.S. flag grew to 48 stars on July 4, 1912 with the addition of New Mexico (January 6, 1912) and Arizona (February 14, 1912) to the Union from an Executive Order by President Taft on June 24, 1912. This flag was official for 47 years, through two World Wars and eight presidents, the second longest to the current flag of 50 stars.

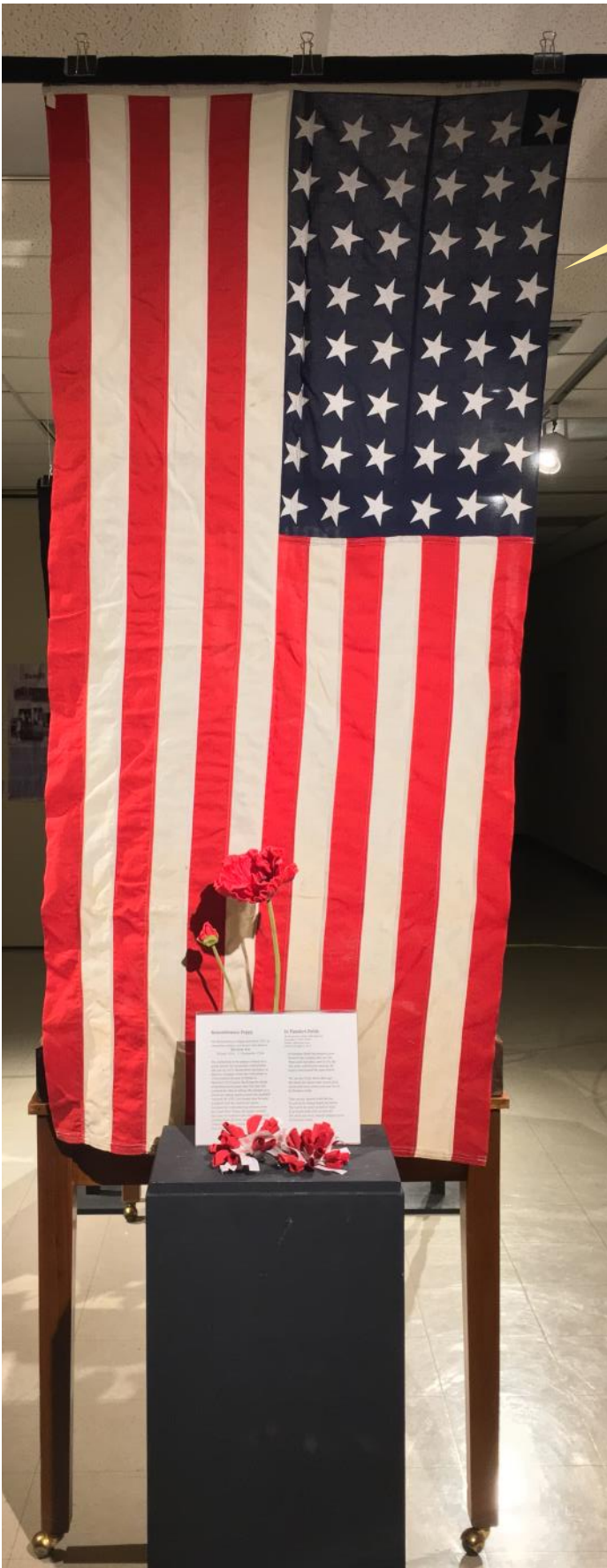
Veteran's Day

48 stars on the flag.

The Great War (later referred to World War I after World War II) officially lasted from July 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918. While the conflict was long before 1914 and still remained until after the second war, they are still the two biggest worldwide events over the last century.

The photo below is of a double oriental poppy. They bloom once a year in May/June (at least for the United States). The official remembrance for the Great War is a red poppy, also called a Remembrance Poppy. The usual Remembrance Poppy is a single petaled common poppy that is most commonly seen in Great Britain and former British colonies.

This is a very simplified explanation. For more information, google "Remembrance Poppy", "Great War", "World War I", and "Madame Guérin" on Google "Lest we forget"!



Veteran's Day



This part of the exhibition I dedicated to the Prisoners of War and Missing In Action soldiers of any war. The black flag represents the organization dedicated to that cause and the table setup is called a Missing Man table. On Veteran's Day, many restaurants will set up a lone table like this to remember those who cannot be home.



The museum had a setup for the Missing Man table before I started there, but I wanted to make the quality of the arrangement better. I bought all new china, silverware, glasses, etc and completely retooled the display to give more integrity to the purpose.

Veteran's Day



Soldier helmet

Collapsible canvas bucket

Red Cross buttons

Soldier kit

Sailor cap



Trench art

First aid kit

Mirror with case

WWI "dog tags"

Bible

Late October Ice Storm

Monday, October 26, 2020



Tuesday, October 27, 2020



The dusty miller had no problems surviving the ice. For that matter, most all of the plants did fine!



October 26, 2020



October 31, 2020

Frère Jacques

One day, I had an old, relatively familiar tune in my head, and once I realized what the words were, it was an old French nursery rhyme that I recall learning in my French class nearly 30 years ago! And like with so many other things I have explored

and included in these journals, I went to Google and tried to find some more information. My first task was to get the words. I only recalled a few, let alone the whole rhyme. Since it is in French, I also needed to see what the translation was. So here it is.

French lyrics

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines! Sonnez les matines!
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

Literal translation of French into English

Brother James, Brother James,
Do you sleep? Do you sleep?
Ring [the bell for] the Matins! Ring [the bell for] the Matins!
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

General English translation

Brother John, Brother John,
Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?
(Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells are ringing!)
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

In verifying the information about the lyrics, I discovered that the rhyme has been historically translated wrong by some sources! The misunderstanding comes with the third line, *sonnez les matines*. The French word *sonnez* is the formal “you” conjugation of the verb, to ring (*sonner*). However, the confusion mainly comes with the word, *matines*. Traditionally, the word is thought to mean “morning” in plural. But, that is wrong! The actual French plural for the word “morning” is *matins*. The translator shows that the English translation of the word *matines* is “Matins” in

English. So what does that mean?! Google Dictionary defines that English word as “a service of morning prayer in various churches, especially the Anglican Church”. Ding! Now it makes sense! Basically, the rhyme is stating that Friar John has overslept and someone is checking on him to wake up so he can ring the bell for the morning prayer service! With some assumption, Friar John must be the monk in charge of ringing the bell to call the service to start.
(*Oh, and do not confuse the word matine with the word matiné! Not good! Also, not same as matinée.*)



November 1920

Historic advertisements in newspapers are so much fun to find and to look at! Here are a few from exactly 100 years ago, November 1920!

Cuticura Soap
— Imparts —
The Velvet Touch
Soap 25c, Ointment 25 and 50c, Talcum 25c.

Cheyenne Record. November 25, 1920.

Grape-Nuts

*The Cereal
That Needs No Sugar*

Healthful, substantial and full of sturdy nourishment. A food of delightful flavor, eatable to the last atom.

Sold by grocers everywhere!

Cheyenne Record. November 25, 1920.

**POST
TOASTIES**
after a hike
makes
us all
good
scouts
— says
Bobby



The Herald Democrat. November 24, 1920.

A Healthful Drink
With
No After Regrets

You are sure of satisfaction when you make your table beverage

INSTANT POSTUM

Coffee drinkers delight in the change because of greater comfort, and the price is attractive because so moderate. All the family will like the flavor of Postum

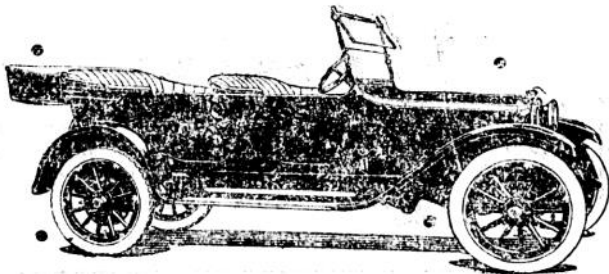
At Grocers Everywhere

Made by Postum Cereal Co., Inc.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Moffat County Courier. November 25, 1920.

November 1920

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR



Leadville Automobile & Electric Co.
409-17 HARRISON AVENUE PHONE 116

The Herald Democrat. November 25, 1920.

Lights Ready for Instant Use

There are dozens of emergencies that might arise around a home which would make it necessary to have a flood of light in each and every room. Are your light sockets supplied with lamps? Every socket in the house, even if in rooms which are seldom used, should be filled with

EDISON MAZDA LAMPS

Which are leaders as far as quality light is concerned.

Western Colorado Power Company

"Efficient Public Service"

The Ouray Herald. November 25, 1920.

You intend to buy a PHONOGRAPH Get the best \$25 worth of RECORDS FREE

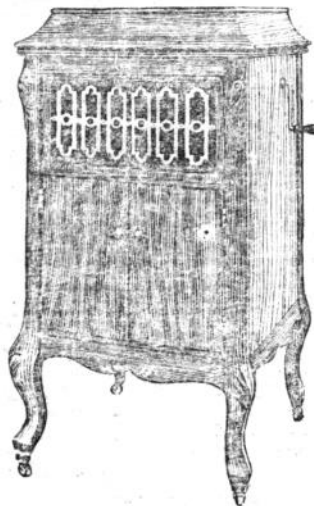
And with a Pathé Phonograph at that!
ANY Pathé Phonograph (except 2 small table models).

This would be an unprecedented offer with any phonograph—BUT THIS IS THE PATHÉ—the one supreme instrument: Supreme in tone, supreme in design, supreme in cabinet quality, supreme in reputation—the very phonograph you would prefer even without this offer of a complete outfit of records (\$25 worth) free—all latest up-to-the-minute records, your own selection. *No Needles to Change!*



COSTS NO MORE THAN THE ORDINARY
PHONOGRAPH
Plays all Records

The Pathé has no equal as a musical instrument.
Free records with a Pathé make it unapproachable.



\$25 Worth of
RECORDS FREE!
FOR A LIMITED TIME

Here's
where
to go

COWAN'S DRUG STORE
CRAIG, COLORADO

Easiest
kind of
easy
terms

Moffat County Courier. November 25, 1920.

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WRIGLEYS

Make the next clear taste better and after smoking

cleanse your mouth
moisten your throat
sweeten your breath

with

WRIGLEYS

Still only 5¢ a Package

Sealed Tight Kept Right

A-154

Moffat County Courier.
November 25, 1920.

Pathe

The Best in
Phonographs
For \$50. and up

Let us Demonstrate
one in your Home

COWAN'S DRUG STORE
The Rexall Store

Moffat County Courier.
November 25, 1920.

Another Royal Suggestion
Griddle Cakes and Waffles
From the NEW ROYAL COOK BOOK

THERE is an art in making flapjack pancakes, griddle cakes or wheats, call them what you will. But it is an art very easily and quickly acquired if you follow the right recipes. The secret, of course, is Royal Baking Powder.

Griddle Cakes

1½ cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
2 eggs
1½ cups milk
1 tablespoon shortening

Mix and sift dry ingredients; add beaten eggs, milk and melted shortening; mix well. Bake immediately on hot griddle.

Waffles

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
¾ teaspoon salt
1½ cups milk
2 eggs
1 tablespoon melted shortening

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; add milk to yolks of eggs; mix thoroughly and add to dry ingredients; add melted shortening and mix in beaten whites of eggs. Bake in well-greased hot waffle iron until brown. Serve hot with maple syrup. It should take about 1½ minutes to bake each waffle.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

Made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes.

FREE

New Royal Cook Book containing these and scores of other delightful recipes. Write for it to-day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
115 Fulton Street, New York City.

Moffat County Courier. November 25, 1920.

Use **MURINE** Night and Morning and

Keep Your Eyes
Clean - Clear and Healthy

Write for Free Eye Care Book Murine Co., Chicago, U.S.A.

Moffat County Courier.
November 25, 1920.

November 1920

WE WANT YOU TO HUNT ON OUR PREMISES



WE HAVE WHAT YOU ARE HUNTING FOR

When you want a good gun or rifle and ammunition, you can find it at our store.

When you want good hardware of any kind, we have it for you.

Two hatchets may look alike but not be alike when you use them. One will "nick;" the other will hold its edge.

We know from long experience which brands of hardware are reliable and these are the brands we sell.

Our Hardware Wears

The Western Hardware Co.

431 HARRISON AVENUE

PHONE 17

THE COW PONY

The cow boy hoss of the sage brush land,
Is a ewe necked ornery cuss,
And many a puncher with rowels red,
He's turned upside down in the dust.

He's a game little rock-ribbed, rat-tailed brat,
And as tough as a raw hide line;
But when it comes to an endurance test,
You'll find him there every time.

He's got no use fer a white livered bo,
Or a puncher that quakes with fear,
He'll take your measure the first time out
To see if your worthy the white sombrear.

He'll try you out the very first month,
That's just as sure as sin;
An' if you can't ride you'd better stay home,
Fer you're goin' to go some if you kin.

With his head twixt his fore legs and a hump in his back,
His nose most techin' the ground,
With one mighty leap he's up in the air
His tail drawn down like a hound.

Up in the air some six feet or so
In the shape of a railroad pick;
An' when you come to hittin' the ground
You'll feel like you'd struck it too quick.

Chasse to right, chasse to left,
An' it's no lancers either you'll see,
Fer he gives you blame little time to reckon
What the next change's goin' to be.

He's a mean little scamp, we'll all admit;
Just the same he's the puncher's delight,
Fer no matter how far you ride in the day
He'll sure fetch you home at night.

When the thorough bred fags on the long rocky trail,
An' throws up his tail in the race,
The little ol' bronk just keeps gigging along
Till the home light shines in your face.

—S. S. JOHNSON.

Milo For The Win

On October 11, I was in Lubbock. I drove past a field I've driven by many, many times before. However, one thing was different this year. Instead of cotton like it usually has, this particular field instead had milo. But not only that, the milo looked really good! Okay, so what is milo you ask? Milo is also called grain sorghum. Sorghum comes in several varieties, mostly used either for the grain or for the stalks like sugar cane. It is also related to corn. For West Texas, milo is probably grown more for cattle feed than it is for human feed, though technically you could eat it. The top producing state for milo include Kansas at 3.4 million acres, Texas at 2.6 million acres, Arkansas at 450,000 acres, Oklahoma at 440,000 acres, and Colorado also at 440,000 acres according to the Kansas Farm Food Connection.



The "sorghum belt" goes from South Dakota to Southern Texas and is one of the top five cereal crops in the world. It is grown as a grain, a forage, and a sweet crop, similar to molasses. Other grain crops include barley, rice, rye, millet, quinoa, maize (corn), wheat, oats, and soybeans.



The Field of Sunflowers

In the September issue, I showed a field of sunflowers I saw on Labor Day on my way up to Colorado, as my last issue well covered. About a month later on October 11, I went up to Lubbock for the day. I went by that same field. Obviously, the sunflowers were no longer blooming, but were seeded out. Blooms only last a week or two then get busy making seeds. Here are some photos. The plant needs to be completely dry before farmers can harvest them.



The Field of Sunflowers



Cow Tracks

In the last issue, I showed how I took a short little trip on September 20. I took a bunch of photos as part of the day. But I wanted to follow up on one thing. And that thing is cow tracks! From the bridge over the Colorado River southwest of Ira, I photographed straight down onto the nearly dry river bottom. There were plenty of tracks. While most of the ones to the right could be deer tracks, they are most likely cattle tracks from grazing cattle. One other clear line of tracks are different and smaller. More likely than not, they are probably tracks made by a raccoon crossing the river bottom.



Snyder Garden

Snyder garden on October 8, 2020.



The freeze of late October.



October 26, 2020.



October 27, 2020.

Snyder Garden

A few days after we had the freeze at the end of October, I thought it was time to clean up the garden for the winter. I took down the black shade fabric from the lattice and cleared out all of the dead plants and rearranged the pots back into place along with general cleanup of the porch. It looked great for a few days until the locust tree dropped its tiny leaves and stems all over the place!

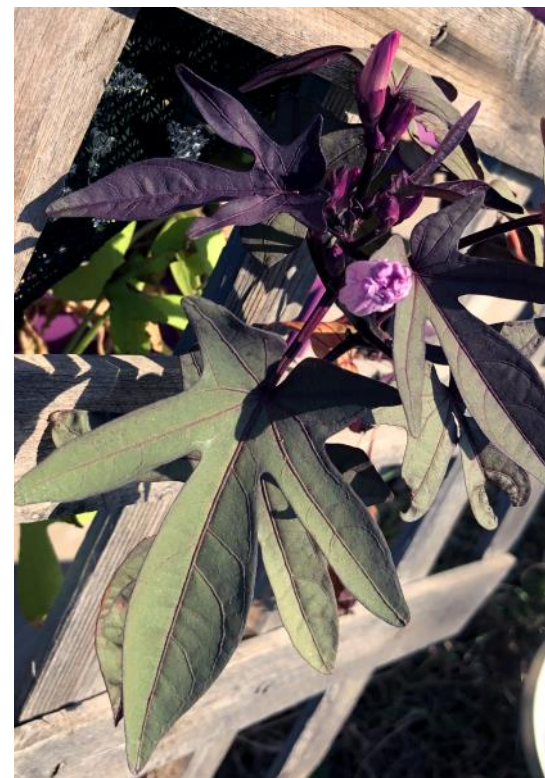


Snyder garden on November 6, 2020.



Flowering Sweet Potato Vine

In case you never knew this (I sure didn't!), a sweet potato vine plant (a decorative plant that comes in a light green or in a dark purple) produces flowers! I had this plant in my garden the summer of 2019, but never had flowers. Then in early October, I noticed that the plant had what looked like a bud. And indeed it was a bud that opened into a simple light pink flower that lasted for about two days. Only the dark purple vine has had flowers so far. I have not seen any buds on the light green vine. So here are a couple of photos for your enjoyment.



Snyder Garden










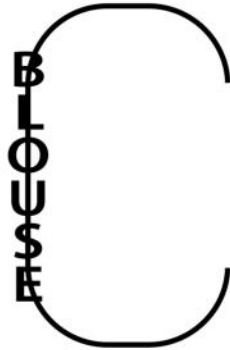
2020 Harvests!

Like with many small gardens, harvests are small and continual until the end of the season. So, here is a summary of what I got this year.
(I also had some small carrots not shown here.)



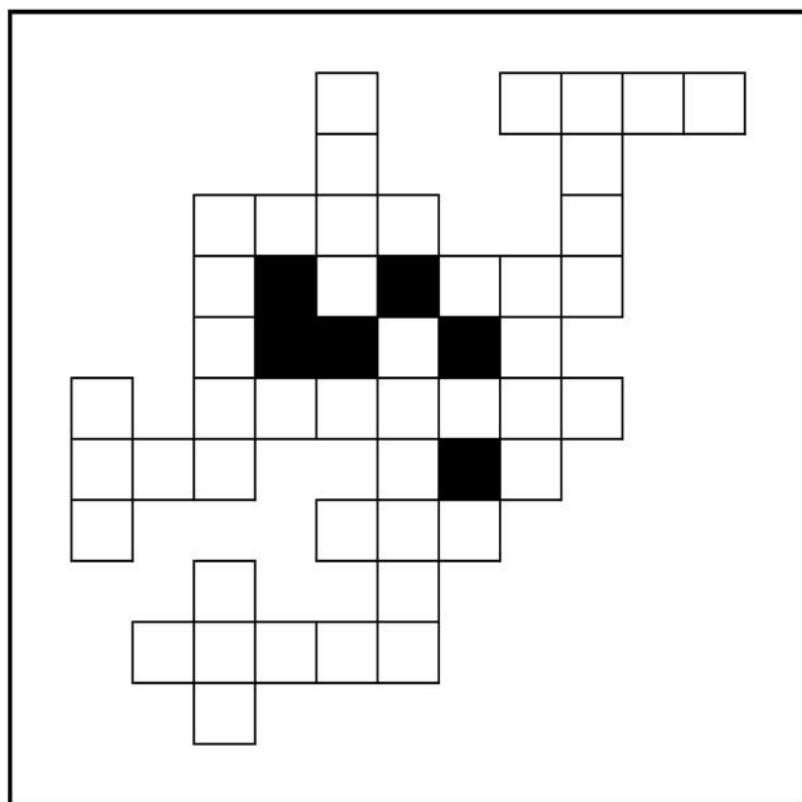
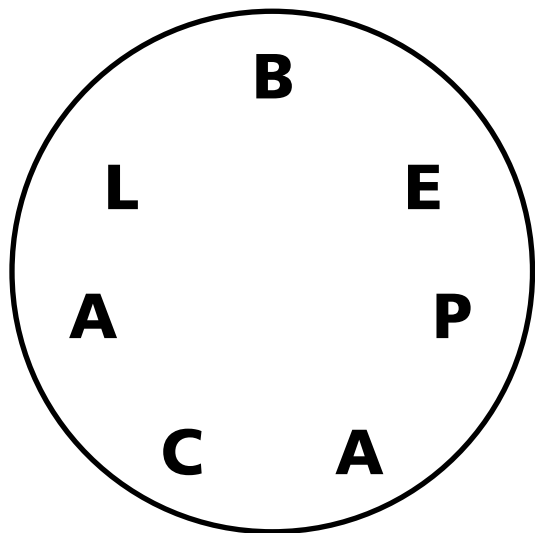
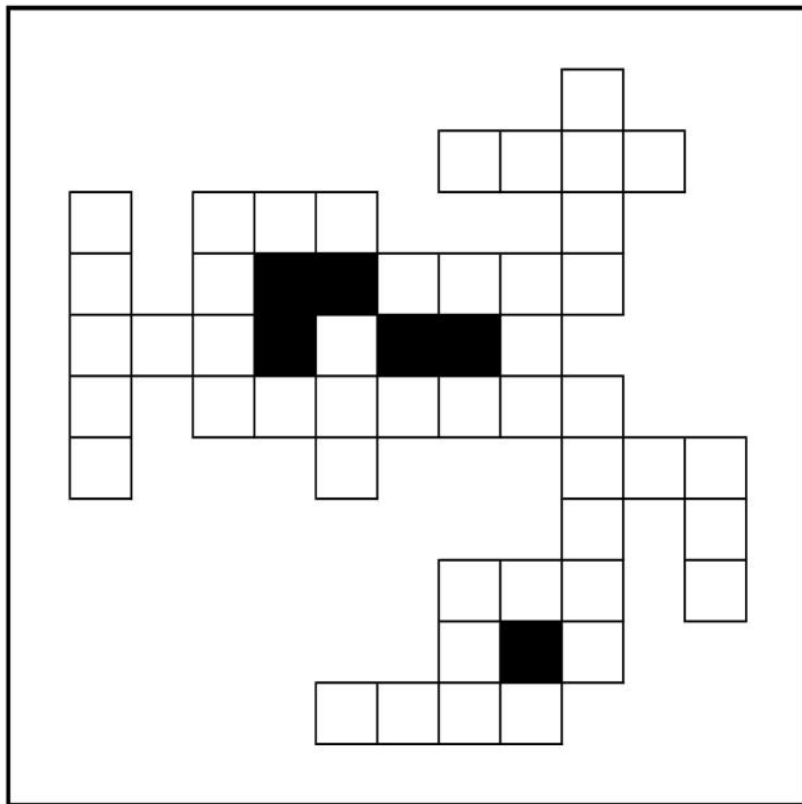
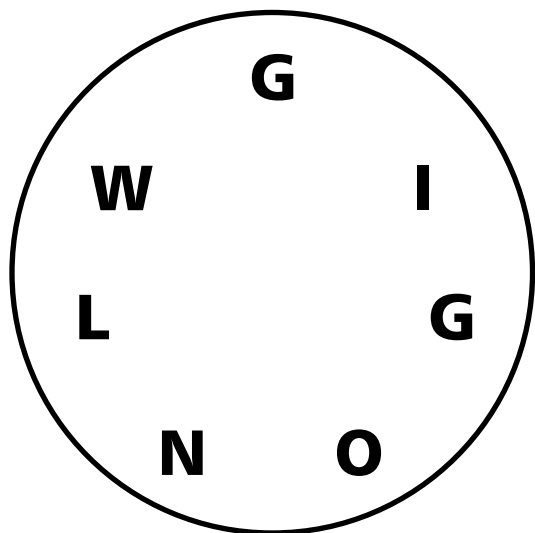
Puzzles

Mom gave me a sheet of these puzzles within the last two years that I finally am including. Enjoy!

1 	2 $\frac{\text{MAN}}{\text{BOARD}}$	3 
4 $\frac{\text{WEAR}}{\text{LONG}}$	5 	6 
7 	8 	9 
10 	11 $\frac{\text{GROUND}}{\text{FEET}}$ 	12 

Word Wheel

Time for some harder word wheel puzzles! These two puzzles have more letters and so will create more words. Answers are on the last page.

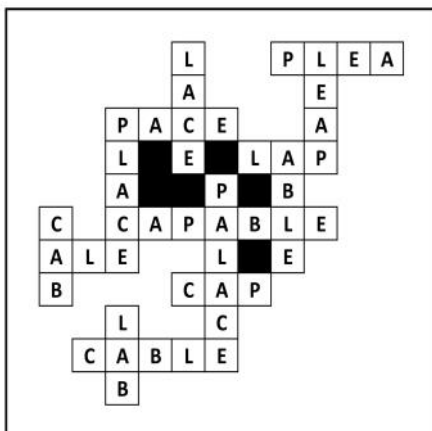
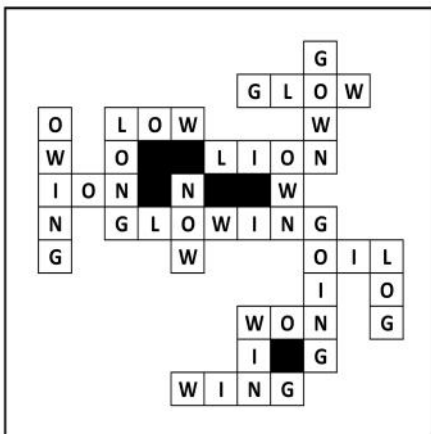


Final Thought

Puzzles Answers

1. Sand Box
2. Man Overboard
3. Reading Between The Lines
4. Long Underwear
5. Crossroads
6. Downtown
7. Split Level
8. Tricycle
9. He's Beside Himself
10. Highchair
11. Six Feet Underground
12. See-Through Blouse

Word Wheel Answers



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On October 15, I went to do my early voting in person at the courthouse. All around the courthouse were these mature stands of Russian sage. The bees were loving the lush blooms!