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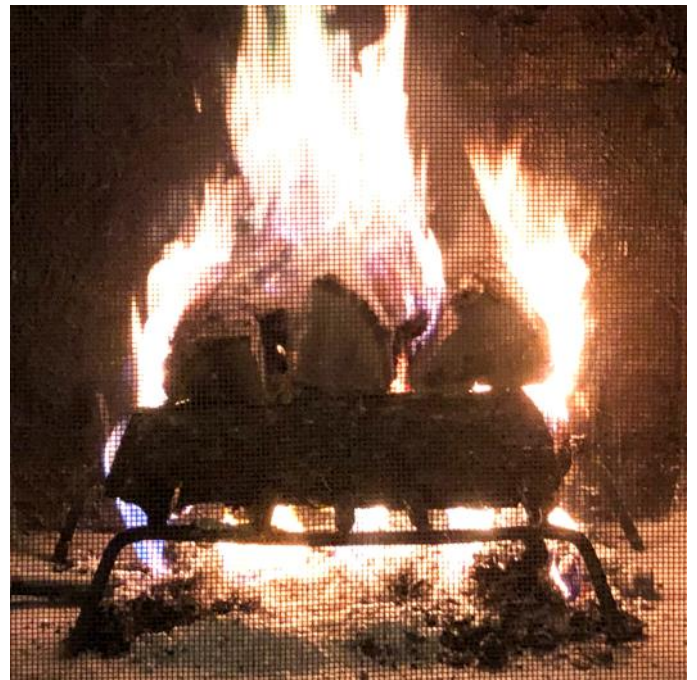
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On The Cover



Last winter and now the start of this winter, I regularly made fires in my fireplace. One feature about my residence that I wanted is to have a fireplace for the ambiance and for another minor heat source.

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Comments by RG

Summarizing Old Year Upon The New Year

Happy New Year!

This issue comes like last year to summarize the year and to include a few things I did not get in the other issues over the past year.

This issue goes month by month covering what I did each month. In addition, I finally update you on my gardening adventures and my garden harvests. Besides that, I cover various meals I made and a few other misc things. By necessity, this issue will be long, no real way to avoid that. But it does finally get me all caught up with things from 2022!

One thing I can say with certainty is that the next issue, the first one for 2023, I will include a mishmash of various topics that I've wanted to include this year but just did not have room without making the issues much longer than they needed to be. They are very interesting topics not related to me but that are either historical in nature or about some current subject that I think you will like (nonpolitical).

As we now go into 2023, we need to keep in mind that in spite of the crap going on in the world right now and even in our own country, we need to treat people with respect and with love. There is definitely far too much hate and division and utter lack of respect for other people. We do not have to ever agree with another person to love them and treat them with kindness. We never have to approve of other people's ways and actions in order to still treat them as human. In this incredibly polarized, divided, and fractioned country, we must chill down and step back to see what actually matters and to focus on what we can change directly instead of getting angry and hostile about the things we cannot directly control.

What we can say with certainty is that we are closer to the return of Jesus than ever before! Just as the scripture states:

"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." Matthew 24:37



Producer, RG de Stolfe

Recall that the days of Noah were so bad that God had to flood the earth in order to rid the earth of its wickedness! Now God will never flood the earth again, but the earth will suffer from a series of events that will happen much sooner than we think. But praise God that His people will be gone from the earth when those events happen! Are you one of God's children who will escape this harsh reality?

RG

2023

Word For Life

What Is Your Treasure? - Part II

In the last issue, we discussed what the general understanding is of the word treasure in relation to Matthew 6:19-21. We define treasure as something of high value, something of great worth, or something greatly sought after, likening it to gold, silver, jewels, etc. But this is not what the Word means about treasure. Let's give more explanation about what treasure does mean.

According to the word, we as believers are given a crown after reaching eternity, “**the crown of life**” (James 1:12), “**the crown of righteousness**” (2 Timothy 4:8), “**the crown of glory**” (1 Peter 5:4), “**an imperishable crown**” (1 Corinthians 9:25). Therefore, it cannot be made of anything that will rust, rot, or be eaten. It is made of our good deeds! However, this crown we receive we will turn right around and give to Jesus for saving us from eternal separation! When Jesus comes back to the earth “**on His head [are] many crowns**” (Revelation 19:12). These are the crowns of the saints (us) that we gave Him! That is why we want our crowns to be as fully decorated as possible for who will ultimately receive them! They are decorated by our deeds on earth. Now to be

clear, “**there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**” (Romans 8:1), which means that even if we end up with just a single decoration on our crown, we will still give it to Jesus, and we will still be blessed! In contrast, we can only imagine the spectacular crown that Reverend Billy Graham must have gotten when he went home in 2018! But even he gave his crown right over to Jesus!

So, what then are these treasures that will be on our crowns we receive in eternity? This is partly answered earlier in Matthew 6 in reference to doing charitable deeds and doing it quietly (Matthew 6:1-4). But part of it is also in leading people to Jesus, and part of it is in how we treat other people and in helping them. But we must also know what not to do in storing up treasures. The start of James 5 states: “**1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. ...**

5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.”

Notice here that the issue is not with the riches or the treasures, but rather with the hearts and minds of those with the riches! These are wicked people who selfishly heap up treasures for themselves here on earth. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 tells us what we should do instead.

“**17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.**

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up [treasuring up] for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

In Matthew 19:21, Jesus told a young rich man, “**If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**” This verse alone has multiple sermons(!), but the point for this writing is that doing good deeds will lead to having “treasure in heaven”. Also, 1 Peter 1:3-4 states,

“**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus**

Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”

This inheritance is our treasure stored up in heaven.

How we treat people has a big impact on our treasure in heaven. Let's do things that bless others that will also bless us.

- Speak kind words to other people.
 - Give the simple respect of courtesy.
 - Drive down the road keeping other people's welfare in mind instead of your own.
 - Surprise someone with a call, card, or letter. (Not an email!)
 - Hold open the door for people no matter who they are.
 - Help people with their projects.
 - Have the habit of saying Thank You.
- These are only a very few little things, but they're great in rewards, the great treasures we store up in heaven. Where your treasure is, that is also where your heart is!

janvier



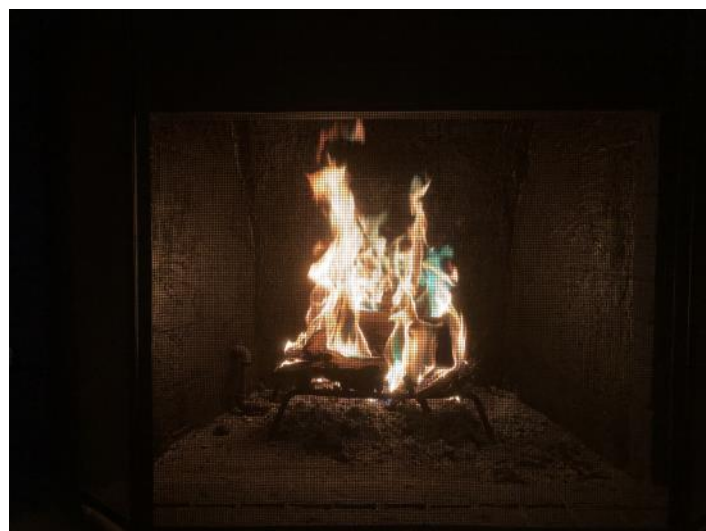
Snow and cold on the evening of January 1, 2022.



Nice roaring fire on January 20, 2022.



Nice little fire on January 6, 2022.



Colorful fire on January 26, 2022.

My grocery store in mid January had a sale on these tulips. They were pretty, and they came from Holland! January 21, 2022.



The carnations came from another grocery store, and I got several colors. They lasted for nearly three weeks!



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Olympic Games Beijing 2022

February 4, 2022 - February 20, 2022

Country	1	2	3	
1  Norway	16	8	13	37
2  Germany	12	10	5	27
3  China	9	4	2	15
4  United States	8	10	7	25
5  Sweden	8	5	5	18

More stats on olympics.com



Afternoon of February 3, 2022.



February 3, 2022



Morning of February 4, 2022

Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum



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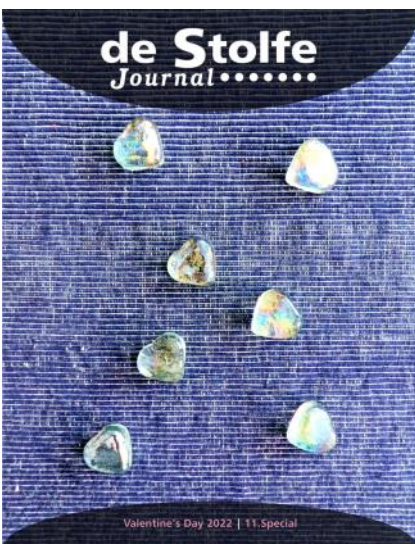
Old windmill tower and tank in Crosby County.



Silver Falls Rest Area in Crosby County.



Cattle always like to stare at you! Here are some way out in the county chomping on round bales.



Published special issue for Valentine's Day.

Really cool clouds one day!



mars

In early March, Dad and a mutual friend went on a driving trip from Colorado to Florida. A planned part of the trip was to stop in Arkansas to dig for diamonds! Arkansas has an unusual geology where

diamonds are found in the state. Arkansas has a law (?) where anyone can dig for and keep what ever gems they find. There are designated places to dig for these gems. Here are two places they went.

Crater of Diamonds State Park



Ron Coleman Mining, Inc



Dad by the grounds ready to mine diamonds.

Scott found a large crystal, probably quartz.



My pie for Pi Day 2022! π 3.14.22

Bradford Pear trees in bloom. Lubbock, 3.30.2022.



avril

*Tower Station & U-Drop Inn Café
in Shamrock, Texas*



*Spent an evening with Kent Rollins cooking.
4.23.22 in Wellington, Texas.*



Restored Magnolia Gas Station in Shamrock, Texas

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Café on Saturday, July 16, 1994. Estelline, Texas.



Building on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Estelline, Texas.



Had a late lunch at The Big Texan in Amarillo, Texas.



Route 66 bridge about 8 miles east of Shamrock.



An exhibit inside the Gray County Safety Rest Area.



First Phillips 66 Station in Texas, built in 1929.

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The general office of the XIT Ranch in Channing, Texas. 5.3.22.



Molly Brown House Museum in Denver, Colorado. 5.5.22.



Windmill and barn, 5.4.22



Screening of the film Jews of the Wild West in Denver, Colorado, 5.5.22.



The XIT Museum in Dalhart, Texas. 5.4.22

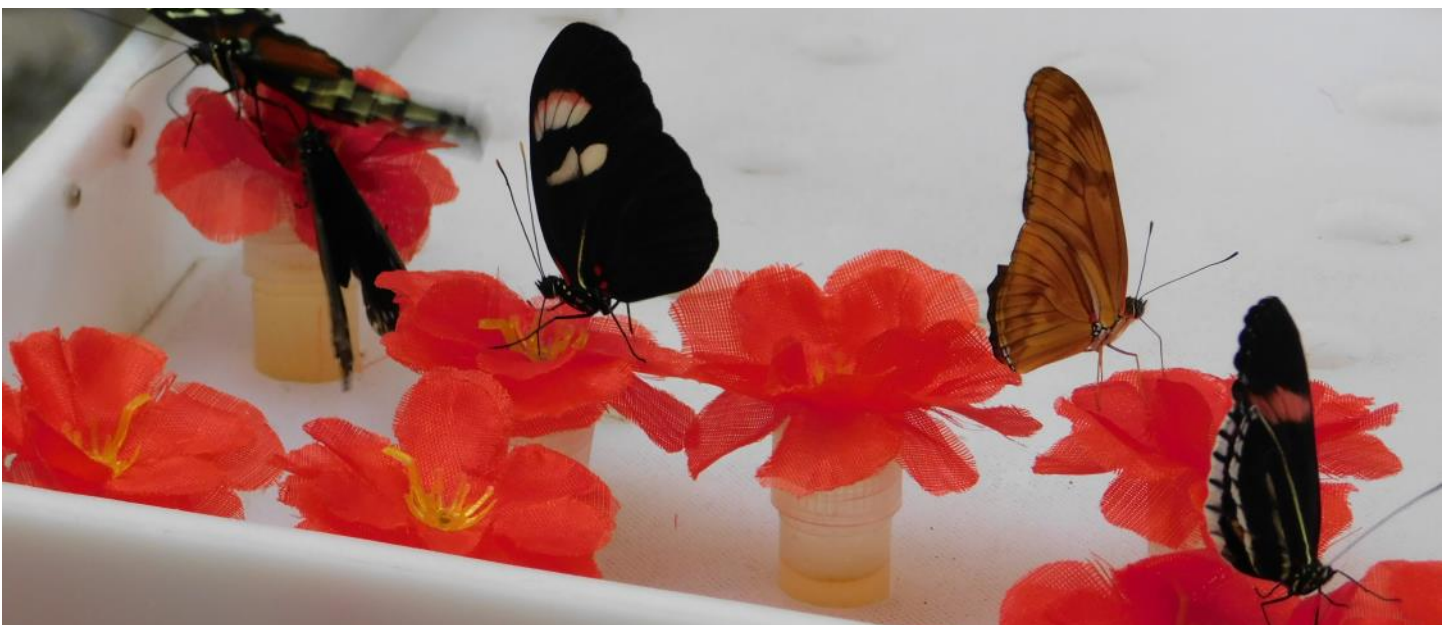
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The view I've shown before of the mountains in Leadville. The peaks are over 14,000 feet! 5.7-10.22.



Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Kansas. 5.14.22.

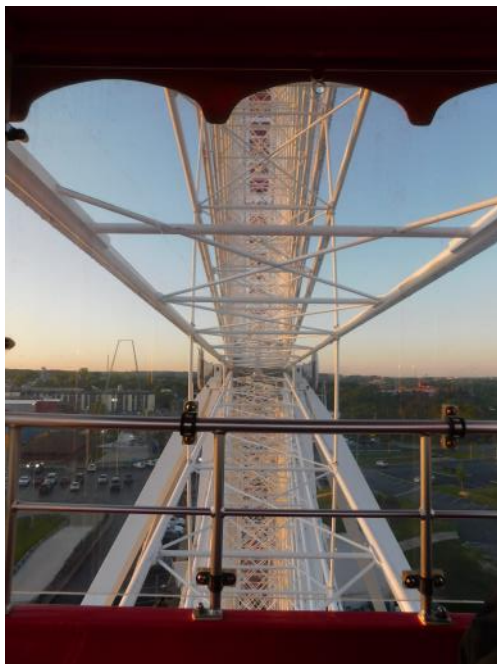


Butterfly Palace, Branson Missouri, 5.16.22.

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Visited the Titanic Museum in Branson, Missouri. 5.16.22.



Went on the Ferris Wheel in Branson, Missouri. 5.16.22.



Texas Tenors Concert, Branson, Missouri. 5.17.22.



Went to Silver Dollar City in Branson, 5.18.22.



Old Timey photo taken at Silver Dollar City.

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Went to the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Springfield, Missouri. 5.19.22.



Toured the Ryman Auditorium. 5.22.22.



Had a good lunch at Patty's Restaurant in Parkers Crossroads, Tennessee. 5.20.22.



Here I am by a giant guitar outside of the Opry. 5.20.22. Photo by Robert A. de Stolfe.



Paula Deen's Family Kitchen. 5.21.22.

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Harrisburg Covered Bridge. 5.24.22.



Installation of Umbrella Sky, Dollywood. 5.25.22.



WonderWorks in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. 5.24.22.



Ambushed photo on The Island, Pigeon Forge. 5.24.22.



The Blue Bird Café. 5.26.22.

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The Beach Boys at the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, Tennessee. 5.27.22.



Andrew Jackson plantation house, The Hermitage. 5.29.22.



Tulip Grove on The Hermitage grounds.



Hermitage Church, 1823.



*Back stage tour of the
Grand Ole Opry,
Nashville. 5.30.22.*

May 30, 2022

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Went to Stafford County Flour Mills that mills the Hudson Cream flour. Hudson, Kansas. 6.1.22.



Found these two square silos out on the plains of southern Kansas. 6.1.22.



The Lamar Depot with a visitor center & Chamber of Commerce. Lamar, Colorado. 6.2.22.



Visited Mom's grave located at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, southwest of Colorado Springs. 6.4.22.



Along I-25 going through the Spanish Peaks Country of southern Colorado. 6.4.22.



Stopped again at this windmill and barn in NE NM. 6.4.22.

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Early morning on Monday, June 4, 2012.



Early evening, Saturday, June 4, 2022.



Old Magnolia gas station from 1924 in Vega, Texas. 6.5.22.



Prickly pear flowers. Lubbock, Texas. June 9, 2022.



Shade wherever you can find it! Jackrabbit, 6.30.22.



*Rose of Sharon
hibiscus syriacus,
"Red Heart"
Lubbock, Texas
6.30.22.*



I was in the Denver Mattress in Lubbock, and they had this real Amish buggy for sale! 6.19.22.

juillet



Had a hot summer, 116°! 7.8.22.

Year of Jubilee Birthday

2022 is my half century birthday! I had a basically quiet day with a few small fun things. My birthday was on a Sunday. So before church, I stopped at Dutch Brothers (now that Lubbock has them) and got my free coffee drink. This is what they gave me!



The "Dutch Mafia" doing things right!

Lord Robert-George de Stolfe of Kilnaish and Glencoe now has souvenir land plots in the Scottish Highlands! The two plots of these nature preserves are shown by the red pins.



HIGHLAND TITLES
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Three of us at church have the same birthday! (I'm the youngest!) Me, Jay, and Skip.

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Wild resident bunny at Dad's house. 8.21.22.



*Desert Willow, *chilopsis linearis*, Lubbock, Texas. 8.17.22.*



New wreath for the summer, magnolia leaves.



Got 3.5" of rain at the end of August!



*On 8.3.22,
119°!*

septembre

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom died on Thursday, September 8, 2022.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2015.



Hawk moths sucking on Lantana at Cracker Barrel. 9.8.22.



New wreath for fall 2022.



Windmill and barn in NE New Mexico. 9.26.22.

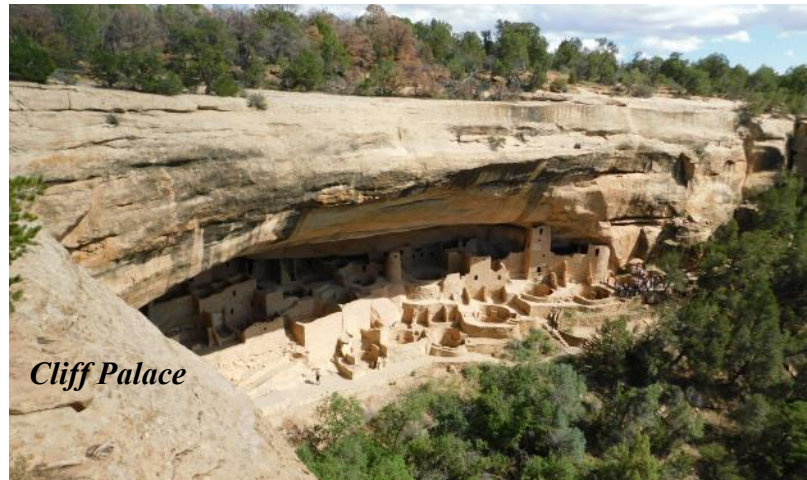
*I went to check on the success of my bank! Ha, ha...
Rio Grande Bank in Alamosa, Colorado. 9.30.22.*



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Went to Mesa Verde National Park. 10.1.22.



Cliff Palace



*Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.
10.2.22.*



Pinkerton Hot Springs. 10.3.22



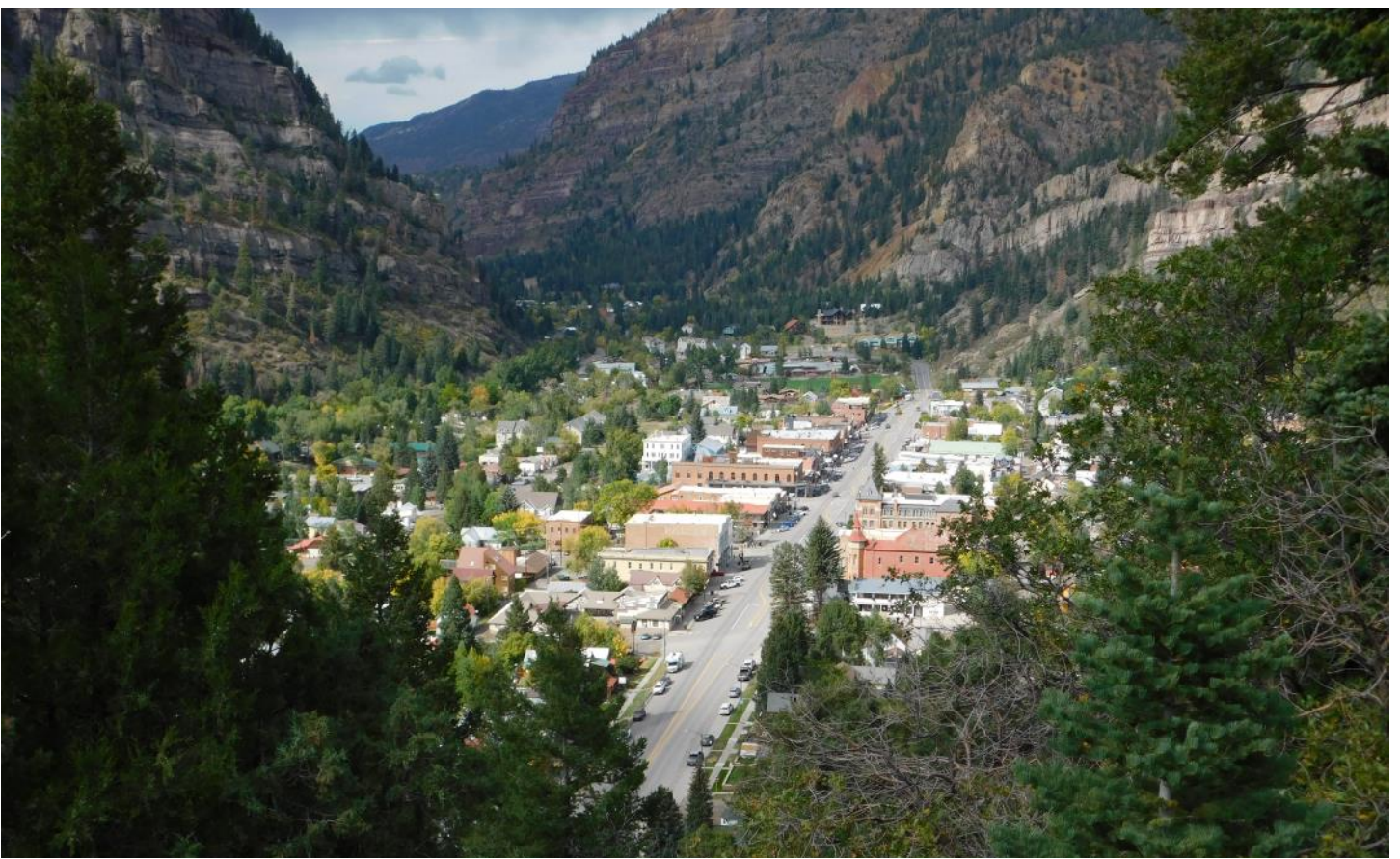
Gold aspens on Million Dollar Highway. 10.3.22

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Valley showing Silverton, Colorado. 10.3.22.

Valley showing Ouray, Colorado. 10.3.22.



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*Downtown Telluride,
Colorado. 10.4.22.*



*Got some wildflower honey
and poured beeswax candle.*



View from hotel in Frisco, Colorado. 10.9.22.



Spent several days in Leadville, Colorado. 10.11-14.22.



*Frisco
Historic Park
& Museum.
10.9.22.*



San Luis Valley in Colorado. 10.15.22.



*Hotel in Santa Fé.
10.15.22.*

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Stopped in Clines Corners, New Mexico. 10.16.22.

*Old church in Taiban, New Mexico.
Built in 1908. 10.16.22.*



KLOVE turned 40! 10.15.22.



Went to Assiter Pumpkin Ranch for pumpkins. 10.31.22.



novembre



Went to the WRCA Ranch Rodeo Finals in Amarillo, Texas. 11.9-13.22.



*The Bug Ranch
in Conway, Texas.
11.10.22.*

novembre



Future of Rural Texas symposium presented by Texas Tribune. 11.17-18.22.



Spent Thanksgiving with friends, De Leon, Texas. 11.23-26.22.



Old Gorman depot, Gorman, Texas. 11.26.22.



Iron Horse Travel Plaza in Merkel, Texas. 11.26.22.

décembre



"Bluecat is wondering what RG is making."



Bluecat wishes you a wonderful Christmas!



Interesting sculptures in front of Gebo's, south Lubbock. 12.11.22.



*Christmas tree 2022.
Went plain with no decorations.*

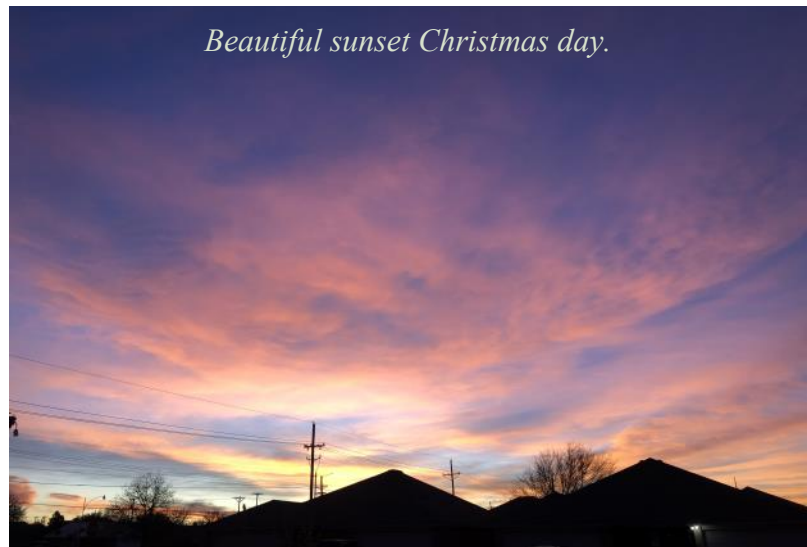


Christmas lights for Christmas 2022.

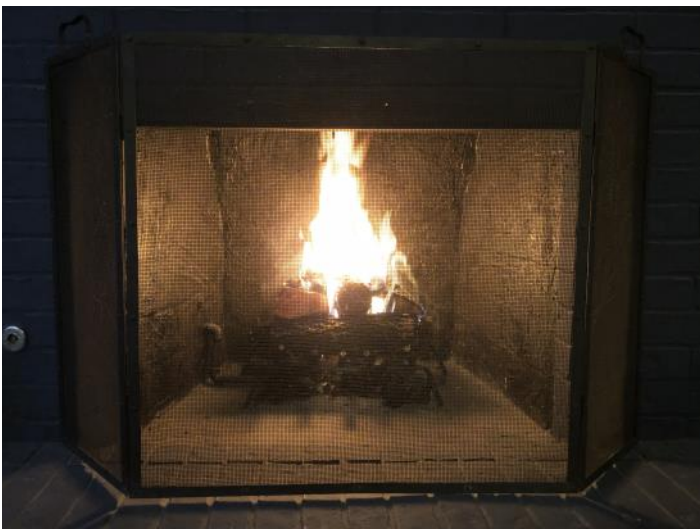
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Needed to protect plants from the severe cold! 12.22-23.22.



Beautiful sunset Christmas day.



Thursday, December 22, 2022.



Saturday, December 24, 2022.



Friday, December 23, 2022.



Sunday, December 25, 2022.

Gardening Roundup

January 1, 2022



February 2, 2022



February 3, 2022



March 2, 2022



Gardening Roundup

March 2, 2022



My newest gardening adventure in 2022 was with this wood box on stilts that I have called my vegetable trough. Besides wanting to grow flowers and the various peppers as I have before, I wanted to try growing various other vegetables. This trough is about 4' x 2' but is not exactly of 8 12" x 12" squares as it should be. But close enough for trying out the square foot gardening method. I started out with one planting of seeds, and have needed to make adjustments. I am now on a second full replant for the winter.

March 25, 2022



April 19, 2022



Gardening Roundup

April 30, 2022



May 3, 2022



June 6, 2022



Gardening Roundup

June 13, 2022



July 3, 2022

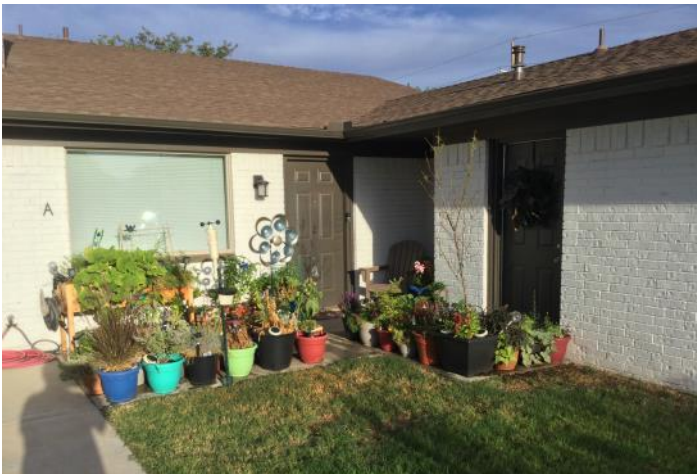


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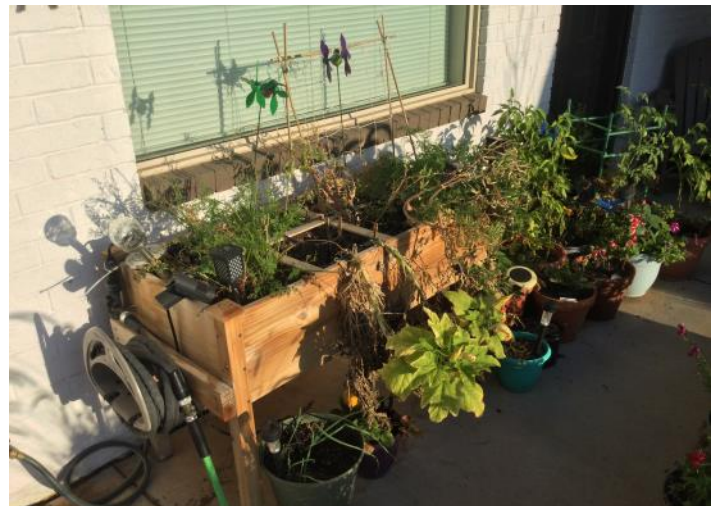


Gardening Roundup

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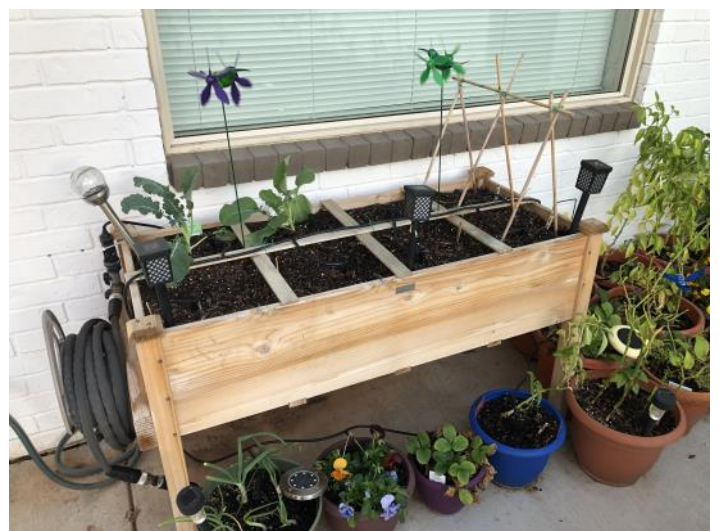
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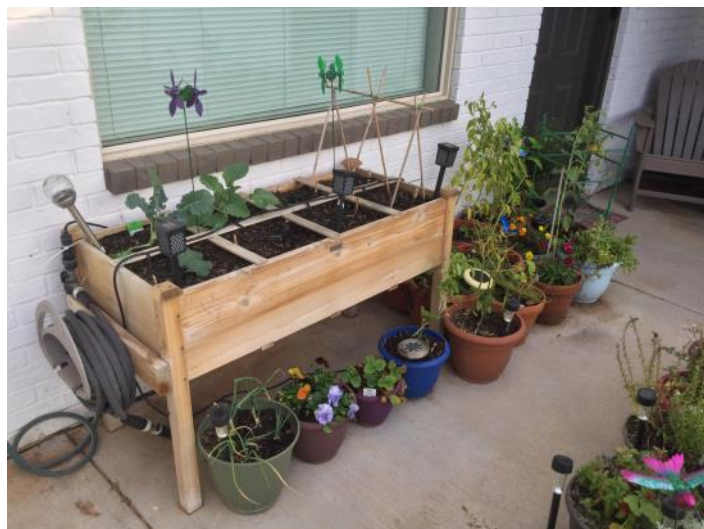


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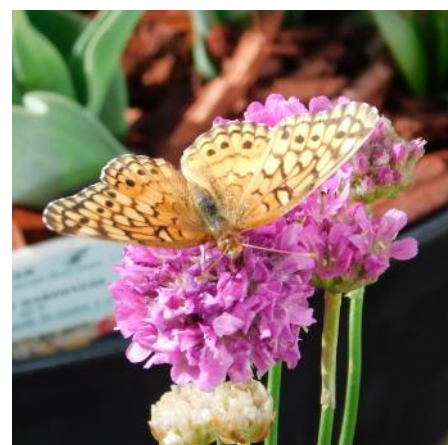
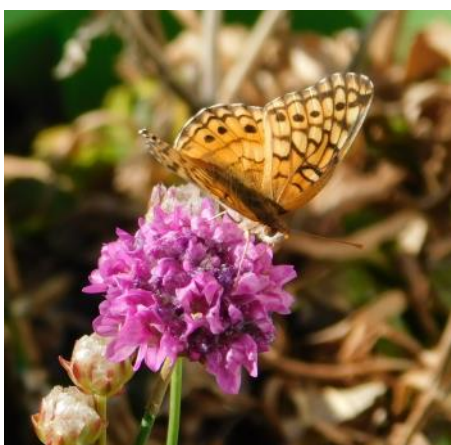
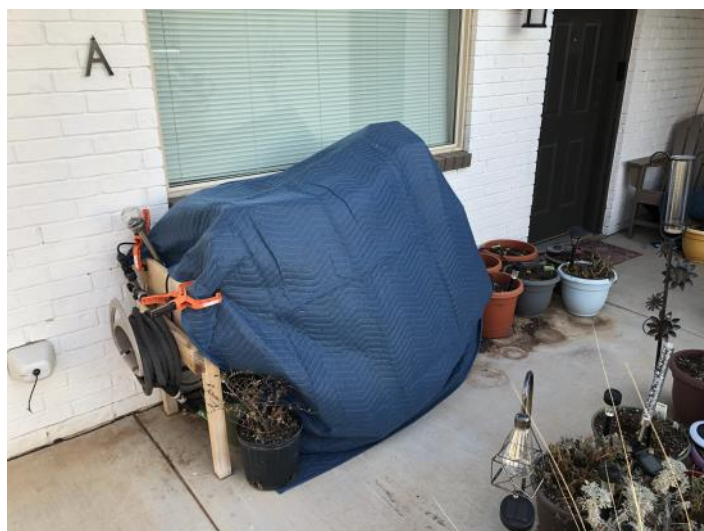


Gardening Roundup

November 8, 2022



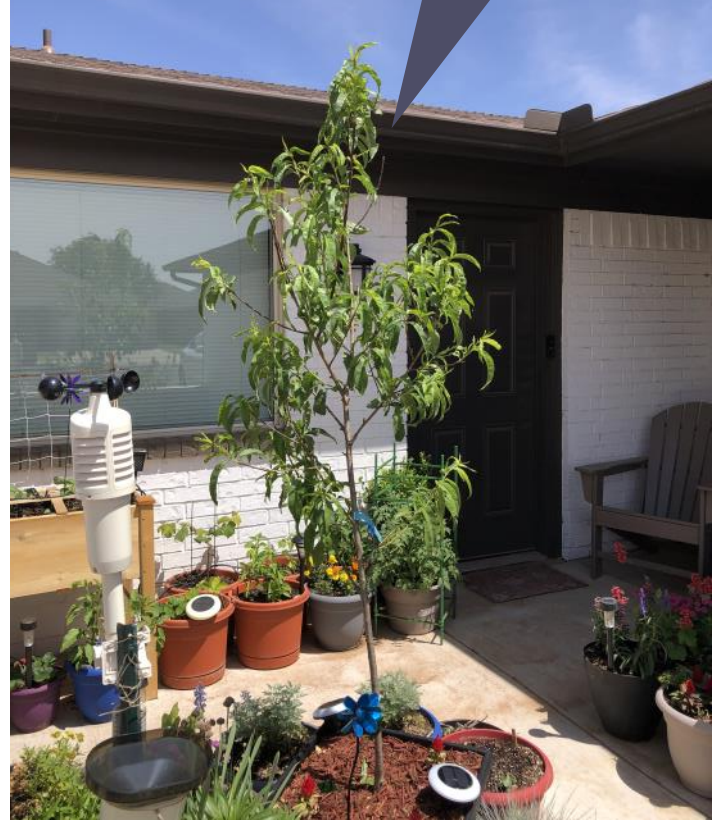
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Gardening Roundup



Compost Bin



Peach Tree
"Belle of Georgia"



Weather Station



Stowaway Golden
Lizard/Gecko



Spiny Thing

Gardening Roundup

Lubbock Master Gardener Program

I tell about this rather awkwardly mainly for how I faded out of this program. I'll explain later. In the mid 2010s, I went to an informational session about the Lubbock Master Gardener internship program. Simply for the cost, it was not feasible to do at the time. Then fast forward to 2021. After I moved back to Lubbock from Snyder, I soon looked into doing the internship program again and signed up and paid the fees. The internship was September through October 2021, meeting every Thursday at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center. It was a fantastic educational journey of classes and field trips (in October). Meanwhile, I had to do volunteer hours, and I kept doing my own gardening projects. The group had their annual plant sale in April, and I propagated some of the Swedish ivy cuttings from the plant I got from Mom's house (see below). It would be after we got back from our May trip (in 2022) that I would need to backburner the volunteering. From the time we started our internship, we would have 12 months to meet the volunteering of 50 hours. I had gotten over 40, but I chose not to complete the hours and basically forfeited the internship and stopped being involved with the group. They were great, and it had nothing to do with them why I stopped. (I'll expand in next issue.)



Back in mid January, I set up a shelf in the garage and attached LED grow lights to start seeds and cuttings. The garage, however, was not the best location for it got rather cold and did not provide enough light for things to grow effectively.



Swedish ivy plants ready for the LMG plant sale in April 2022.

Garden Harvests



Garden Harvests



Food Through 2022



Baked rigatoni di carne. 1.6.22.



Zatarain Jambalaya. 1.20.22.



*Succotash (corn, onion, red pepper, butter beans)
1.20.22.*



π Day at Pie 5. 3.14.22.



Drop biscuits. 1.20.22.



Mini cranberry tarts with almond crust. 3.15.22.

Food Through 2022



Gluten free chocolate hamantaschen. 3.17.22.



On the way to Nashville, we stopped at Patty's Restaurant. First tried this stuff with my meal. Really good! Somewhat similar to Heinz 57. 5.20.22.

While in Denver, we ate at Maggiano's Little Italy. Very good food! Here: house salad and baked cheese ravioli in alfredo sauce. 5.5.22.



Roasted broccoli, roasted carrots, roasted potatoes, and chicken with dill mustard sauce. 6.13.22.



During the first half of the year, I subscribed to Hello Fresh and got two meals a week for most weeks. Here are two of them I made.



Tunisian spiced meatballs with apricot glaze, roasted carrots, and Israeli couscous with scallions. 6.28.22

Food Through 2022



Pasta salad with Gigli, ham, peppers, and tomatoes in vinaigrette. 6.14.22.



Cold barley salad with barley, shredded chicken, and peas. 8.13.22.



Old style drink called switchel made with water, molasses, apple cider vinegar, and ginger. 7.22.22.



Making browned butter for some blondies. 9.24.22.



Another old style drink called barley water, made with the water from boiling barley, lemon juice, cinnamon stick, and sugar. This was really good! 8.13.22.



Had a filling breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and bacon at Sunshine Caf  in Silverthorne, Colorado. 10.9.22.

Food Through 2022



Turkey à la King over wide egg noodles. 11.28.22.



Made another batch of succotash like earlier in the year to have with Christmas dinner. 12.25.22.

I was at HEB and saw this interesting package of vegetables that looked good, but I had to ask what it was for. They said it was a mix for making caldo. Caldo is simply Spanish for soup. It had a couple of things I did not recognize and found out that they were chayote and calabaza (a Mexican squash similar to a zucchini). The soup is called Caldo de Rez (literally, beef broth), a Mexican beef soup. So I made it, and it was really good and different from my usual chicken noodle soup or even from a regular beef and vegetable soup. I looked up a recipe, and the one thing I did different from typical prep was to cut all of the vegetables rather fine or cubed including the corn, but I did put the cobs in too for flavor. I will make this again, but I will do a couple of things a little differently, particularly with how I prep the cabbage. 11.4.22.

Christmas dinner including broiled tricolored potatoes, carrots, brisket with gravy, roll, cranberry sauce, and tea. 12.25.22.



**If it doesn't look like a can, I'm not eating it!*

Sculptures at Gebo's

I went to the new Gebo's south of Lubbock and saw these really cool metal fabricated sculptures out front! I also saw the dino over by Sinclair. 12.11.22. (These sculptures look much like the ones made by an artist in Clayton, New Mexico.)



Final Thought

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Love
One
Another

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Coloring salts add a nice flicker of colors to a fire!