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Amanda Couch
Logan, UT
November 14, 2018

Title: Tuna Sandwich Sunday

Genre: Calendar Custom

Informant: Amanda Couch is a senior at USU studying music education. She is also a manager at the Chick-Fil-A in town. She grew up frequently moving, and that has made her very friendly and adaptable. People tend to like her instantly, and she is great at getting a job done efficiently, all while smiling. She plays the French Horn, and this year she is one of the Aggie Marching Band drum majors. She has a very close relationship with her family, all of whom currently live in Virginia. When people ask her where she is from, she'll usually say Virginia, even though her parents only moved there after she started college.

Context: I interviewed Amanda late one night while we were getting food at the Beto's in town, which is a common late hang out spot for hungry students. This story was told to me with burritos in each of our hands. Amanda is very close with her family, and she really likes her dad. This was a tradition that she observed while she was growing up. I imagine that it was a continued tradition in all of the various places Amanda lived. However, she told me that they are no longer doing it now.

Text:

Okay, so when I was really little, my fam- my dad used to make homemade hamburgers and fries. And we would like make it all from scratch, like we would cut the potatoes. It was a good time. Then it evolved into tuna sandwiches but it's grilled tuna and cheese. [Said with a lot of enthusiasm and great emphasis on the word "cheese"] So every Sunday we would come home from church and we'd either make that or grilled tuna and cheese. Now we don't do either of those.

Texture: Amanda is a real fun person to talk to, and she was very energetic while sharing this folklore with me. She emphasized certain words that she was more excited about (like "cheese"), and she showed a lot of enthusiasm for this tradition. It doesn't seem like this is something she's talk a lot about in the past, possibly because others didn't necessarily seem very interested. But I had a lot of fun listening to her share this story.

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