

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Well, we have hopes for a white Christmas, but it's a 50% chance. The newly watered grass in our poor little rock-pile of a yard is so green! That rain was certainly a blessing. The carrots haven't sprouted, though. However, the potatoes in their bin on the back porch have! What's wrong with this picture!

Winter has begun. Those of us with SAD are very happy. That means that every day will have more sunshine! And here come the 2022 garden catalogs...

Did you know that there is corn in colors other than yellow: red, pink, tan, gold, white, rust, blue, white and green. Some can be ground for cornmeal. OK...

Then there's the tomato: orange, black, pink and yellow. Red, yellow, purple and white potatoes. Radishes are still red, carrots are mostly orange — one is yellow — beans can be green, red, purple, or yellow. I see a cream-colored

pea and a yellow cauliflower, a white pumpkin and yellow watermelon.

You can even grow your own bananas, olives, oranges, lemons, limes, pomegranates and coffee on your back (or front) porch in their own pots! Since we are in zone 6 and those dwarf trees are all for zones 8-10, you have to bring them inside for the winter. And for all you people that like to go out and compete with the bears for the elusive huckleberry, grow your own in your own backyard! "All-American shrub bears berries in midsummer. Foliage remains evergreen in zone 6 and south. Self-pollinating. Full sun to partial shade. Bare-root. Zones 5-8. Not available in CA, GA, WA. \$14.99."

Did see a pink blueberry, but all the strawberries are still red!

You can even buy five milkweed plants for \$30! Now why would you do such a thing? Because milkweed is the sole host plant for monarch butterflies, that's why. I was surprised to see that some of the flowers that I assumed would only be growing in Hawaii-like climates can be

grown in zones 5-9. Then there's lilac that is rated for zones 2-9. "Hardy," it says. And only \$20! Hmm. Travel the back roads and look for old homesteads. There will usually be one still surviving next to the fallen-down house. (Better stop there or I'll get in trouble...) The garden people have even propagated a thornless blackberry.

Its name is Born Free. Har, har.

Thoughts for the new year: "Happiness: a good bank account, a good cook, and a good digestion." — Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), French philosopher and writer.

"If you want to be successful, it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. Believe in what you are doing." — Will Rogers (1879-1935), American cowboy, humorist and showman.

"The most important thing in life is to stop saying 'I wish' and start saying 'I will.'" — Charles Dickens (1812-1870), English writer.

Hebrews 10:3-5,7 "But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of

bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He said: ... a body You prepared for Me; ... I have come to do Your will, O God."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



I have not been keeping up with the calendar. I've been forgetting that this article you read is one week after the fact.

So hope you all had a very Merry Christmas! Oh, before I forget, Happy New Year, too! At least I won't be late with that mention. Ha. May the Lord bestow upon you all as you look to Him, peace, joy, and hope for the future.

Our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, prepared for our meal pulled pork sandwiches, french fries, coleslaw and peach cobbler for dessert. We sure were a bunch of hungry folks. I had to go back and get some more french fries. We thank our cooks for their work.

Our volunteer at the table was Kristi Guimont. She had a few kids with her that she was

watching and they helped her at the table. Kristi also made some announcements and led us in the flag salute. Yours truly prayed the blessing over the meal.

An important announcement you must take note of is this: Starting in January, due to the increased cost of food and supplies, the price for meals will increase. Senior meals (for those 60-plus) will be \$5. Non-seniors will be \$6, and children up to 12 will be \$2.

There will be potluck bingo on New Year's Eve at 4 p.m. The early time was to accommodate some of our friends from Spray who like to come, and we don't want them to drive home too late.

The winner of the last turkey raffle was Ron Browning. The winner of the Len's gift card was Dinah Cowger. The free meal ticket was won by Betty Breeding. There were a total of 47 meals served, counting both dine-in and takeout meals.

Well, I have added a couple of animals with my herd of goats. I found and bought a couple of young alpacas! I am so blessed to have a hubby who encourages me and helps

me. We picked them up almost a week ago. I have a female and a male. They are unrelated. They are still young babies. We named them Cyrus and Reese. Cyrus is about 4 feet tall, and Reese is just a few inches taller than Cyrus.

The alpacas are a little skittish right now, and I am trying to work with them to have them get used to me. Cyrus is a little bit friendlier than Reese. She is more standoffish. I am hoping to harvest their fleece, which is supposedly softer than wool. A new friend in the area knows how to make her own socks and sweaters! Won't that be a cool thing to learn?

Like I said before, if you don't know how to do something, Youtube! There is a saying: Ignorance is a choice. We live in the information age. So much knowledge is out there. You can find and learn about anything. The Bible says that in the last days, knowledge will abound. That should get us all thinking.

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

OUT OF THE PAST

75 YEARS AGO
Joaquin Miller Resort changes hands

It was stated this week by Paul Rix that he and his associate Bill Hudson have sold the Joaquin Miller Resort property on Canyon Creek to a party from California whose name was not revealed. It was stated that the new owner plans on operating the Resort as a boys camp, however, full particulars were not available.

Mr. Rix and Mr. Hudson acquired the popular recreational center about a year ago.

50 YEARS AGO
Scots dance to bagpipes

As young people waited patiently for "their" kind of music Saturday night at the annual Dayville ScotsAmerican dance, members of the county's declining Scots population made a grand march to bagpipe music by George Jamieson of Condon and — joined by oth-

ers — danced to "American" tunes by Caesar McKrola's Orchestra. It was snowy outside and the hall chilly — at first. But the evening warmed up as everyone danced.

25 YEARS AGO
Tigers pound Spray Eagles

A slow first half was put behind the Tigers as they scorched the visiting Eagles in the third and fourth quarters.

Senior Jeff Thomas and Bob Martin led Dayville-Monument after sluggish first-half starts. Thomas was benched with three fouls five minutes into the first quarter and Martin scored only four points, all in the opening period, as the Tigers trailed the Eagles 8-6 after the first quarter and 24-18 at the half.

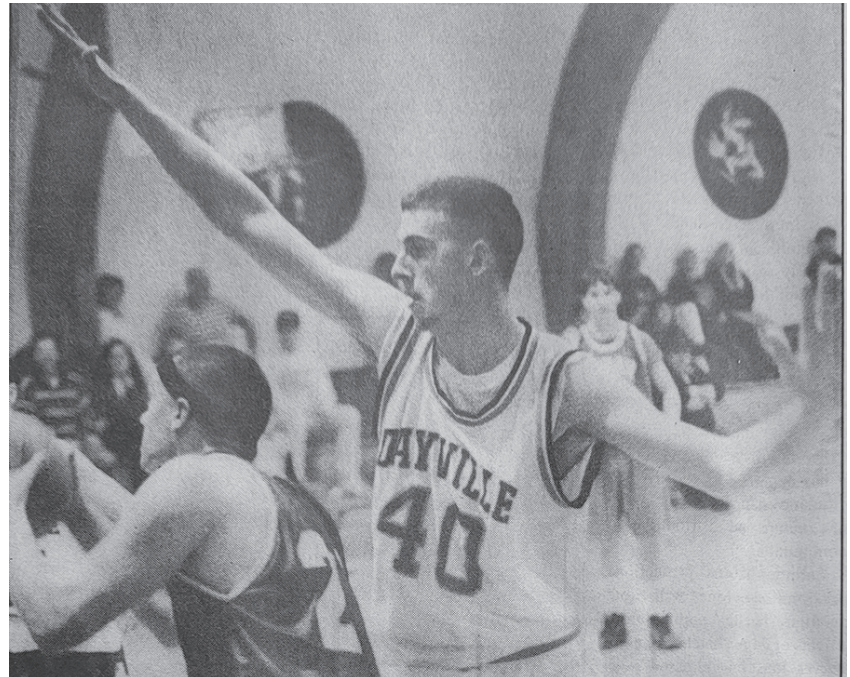
"In the first half we were lethargic and we weren't moving quickly or moving the ball with crisp passes," Tigers coach Skip Inscore said.

Thomas scored his 18 points in the third and fourth quarters and Martin hit three three-point shots, adding 17 points in the second half.

"Bob (Martin) is starting to take on the leadership role and we need that from him," Inscore said. "He stole the ball and made some three-pointers. The kids look to him to get energy."

After trailing by as many as 10 in the first half, Dayville-Monument rallied and regained the lead 38-36 on a Martin three-pointer to end the third quarter. The Eagles never were within four points for the rest of the game.

Martin led the Tigers with 21 points and had three rebounds and two assists. Thomas added 13 rebounds and two blocks, Stoney Geinger scored six points and had nine assists, Mike Meyers had eight points and four rebounds, Scott Bilyeu had four points and six rebounds, and Eddie Mund had four assists.



Blue Mountain Eagle, File Dayville-Monument's Jeff Thomas provided defensive prowess in the second half against the Spray Eagles as he blocked two shots and pulled down 13 rebounds in a 1996 contest.

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