

# Voice of the Village People

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**GARBAGE PICKUP:** August's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Village Coffee House.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Copies of Fairhaven newsletters are available in the brochure box on the porch, and inside, of the Village Coffee House. Please feel free to submit an article for the Prairie Village newsletter if you have any interest in sharing information with other residents – either e-mail to Nelda at [nelronbergsten@gmail.com](mailto:nelronbergsten@gmail.com), or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

**PRAIRIE CHICKS** will be meeting on the 4th Thursday in August, the 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M., at Margaret Hancock's home at 802 Burr Oak Trail. RSVP regrets only to Margaret.

## NANCY CASSANO

We were all saddened to hear of Nancy Cassano's passing. Nancy was a warm, friendly soul who always had time to stop and chat when she was out for her daily exercise regimen of walking and biking. She will certainly be missed.

## A Beautiful Message From Bill Gates –

What Is The Coronavirus Really Teaching Us?

I'm a strong believer that there is a spiritual purpose behind everything that happens, whether that is what we perceive as being good or being bad.

As I meditate upon this, I want to share with you what I feel the Corona/Covid-19 virus is really doing to us:

1) It is reminding us that we are all equal, regardless of our culture, religion, occupation, financial situation or how famous we are. This disease treats us all equally, perhaps we should too. If you don't believe me, just ask Tom Hanks.

2) It is reminding us that we are all connected and something that affects one person has an effect on another. It is reminding us that the false borders that we have put up have little value as this virus does not need a passport. It is reminding us, by oppressing us for a short time, of those in this world whose whole life is spent in oppression.

3) It is reminding us of how precious our health is and how we have moved to neglect it through eating nutrient poor manufactured food and drinking water that is contaminated with chemicals upon chemicals. If we don't look after our health, we will, of course, get sick.

## **A Beautiful Message From Bill Gates – continued**

- 4) It is reminding us of the shortness of life and of what is most important for us to do, which is to help each other, especially those who are old or sick. Our purpose is not to buy toilet paper.
- 5) It is reminding us of how materialistic our society has become and how, when in times of difficulty, we remember that it's the essentials that we need (food, water, medicine) as opposed to the luxuries that we sometimes unnecessarily give value to.
- 6) It is reminding us of how important our family and home life is and how much we have neglected this. It is forcing us back into our houses so we can rebuild them into our home and to strengthen our family unit.
- 7) It is reminding us that our true work is not our job; that is what we do, not what we were created to do. Our true work is to look after each other, to protect each other and to be of benefit to one another.
- 8) It is reminding us to keep our egos in check. It is reminding us that no matter how great we think we are or how great others think we are, a virus can bring our world to a standstill.
- 9) It is reminding us that the power of free will is in our hands. We can choose to cooperate and help each other, to share, to give, to help and to support each other or we can choose to be selfish, to hoard, to look after only our self. Indeed, it is difficulties that bring out our true colors.
- 10) It is reminding us that we can be patient, or we can panic. We can either understand that this type of situation has happened many times before in history and will pass, or we can panic and see it as the end of the world and, consequently, cause ourselves more harm than good.
- 11) It is reminding us that this can either be an end or a new beginning. This can be a time of reflection and understanding, where we learn from our mistakes, or it can be the start of a cycle which will continue until we finally learn the lesson we are meant to.
- 12) It is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; this too shall pass.
- 13) Whereas many see the Corona/Covid-19 virus as a great disaster, I prefer to see it as a great corrector. It is sent to remind us of the important lessons that we seem to have forgotten and it is up to us if we will learn them or not.

# Library Update

Our Library continues to be used often and well.

In case you've not visited, it's the "second bedroom" in the Coffee House. As you walk into the room, you'll see a tall bookcase on the left. That holds mostly fiction. The bottom two shelves are an abundance of James Patterson thrillers.

Next to that book shelf is a short one filled with a variety of non-fiction books, most categorized to give you a general idea of topics.

If you look underneath the return/donation box, you'll see two sets of encyclopedias: The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Animal Life and Audubon Nature Encyclopedia.

There's a box of large print Reader Digest Condensed Books on the table. The right side of the room and closet are our mystery/thrillers. Those on the bookcases are in order (hopefully) by author. The various bins and boxes on the floor and in the closet are larger collections by popular authors.

Some puzzles are on top of one of the mystery/thriller bookcases. Most are displayed on tables in the "living room."

Don't forget: The large print collection on loan from Fairhaven in the front window. And our Little Free Library - on the trail behind the Model unit.

Thanks again for supporting the Prairie Village Library.

Kathy Ross

# GARDENERS

More than a few "passersby" have stopped to comment on our Prairie Village Community Garden. Adjectives used: "Beautiful", "lush", "bountiful", "productive" and "weed free". Be proud, Prairie Village gardeners! Our garden "is something to behold"! And thank you for sharing your surplus veggies with any of us out here in Prairie Village. Originally the plan was to bring our surplus up to coffee on Tuesday or Thursday BUT, the coffee house is "closed to groups" to protect us all from COVID-19. Our alternative is to place excess produce on the William Smith Memorial Bench next to the garden (by the parking area). Help yourselves, and ENJOY!

Some reminders: The water pump is never completely off - water continually leaks into the hose. Always leave the hose disconnected from any spray nozzle. (leave the spray nozzle by the pump). Please place the end of the hose in either the northwest corner of the garden where it can drain toward the pond OR on the compost pile on the southeast portion of the garden. Never leave it near anyone's planting area. If it stays there overnight it could destroy a portion of their garden. Thank you!

Enjoy getting close to the soil (my father never allowed me to call it dirt). "Soil produces food; dirt needs to be cleaned up". Good reminder, Dad.

Hans Hahn & Jake Gerlach

You may have seen Elizabeth Asher's dog behind the fence at 909 Acorn Ridge. She is a 4-year-old soft-coated Wheaten Terrier, and her name is Bell. The picture was contributed by Dick Piehl.



And these visitors were caught by Bev Aulik's camera behind their house a month ago. The fawns have no doubt grown quite a bit by now.



This is a Roselily Thalita Oriental Lily from Jung Seeds and Plants in Randolph WI. Its fragrance is so heavenly.  
Judith Moldenhauer





I walked Buddy along our back pathway a few mornings ago and thought, "Gosh, these trees and bushes need pruning." Here came the city as if they read my mind 3 hours later.

Dick Piehl



Did pruners miss this pruned branch and not chip it yesterday?

Dick



And you all got this note from Kathy about it: Shane told me this morning that Paul's made the City aware of the need to have this removed as soon as possible.

So, is it gone?



I spotted this big fella by the north round about. Not sure which pond he was headed for. He looked grumpy!

Curt McCulley