

Voice of the Village People

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GARBAGE PICKUP: September's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, September 10th. 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, or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

PRAIRIE CHICKS ON HIATUS. Due to the pandemic, Prairie Chicks will temporarily suspend monthly gatherings.

WANDA RICHARDS

We were all saddened to hear of Wanda Richards' passing. The memories of Wanda's convivial bridge-playing will be treasured forever by those fortunate enough to have been able to enjoy a game of Bridge with her.

Thank you to all of our Prairie Village friends and neighbors for all of your kindness, help and support before and since my surgeries. The new heart valve and aneurysm repair are working well. I'm slowly regaining strength with help from all of you. Cardiac Rehab will also help.

Lee Murray

WHITEWATER'S 8th ANNUAL HALF MARATHON

The Whitewater Half Marathon will be conducted on Sunday, September 20th. Please note that as in the past, Burr Oak Trail will be officially closed during the run, as runners will be running the length of that street as part of their course. The lead runners have normally arrived in Prairie Village by shortly after 8:00, and the last runners have made their way through between 8:45 and 9:00 that morning. Please make every effort to avoid driving on Burr Oak Trail especially during that time period on Sunday morning, the 20th.

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

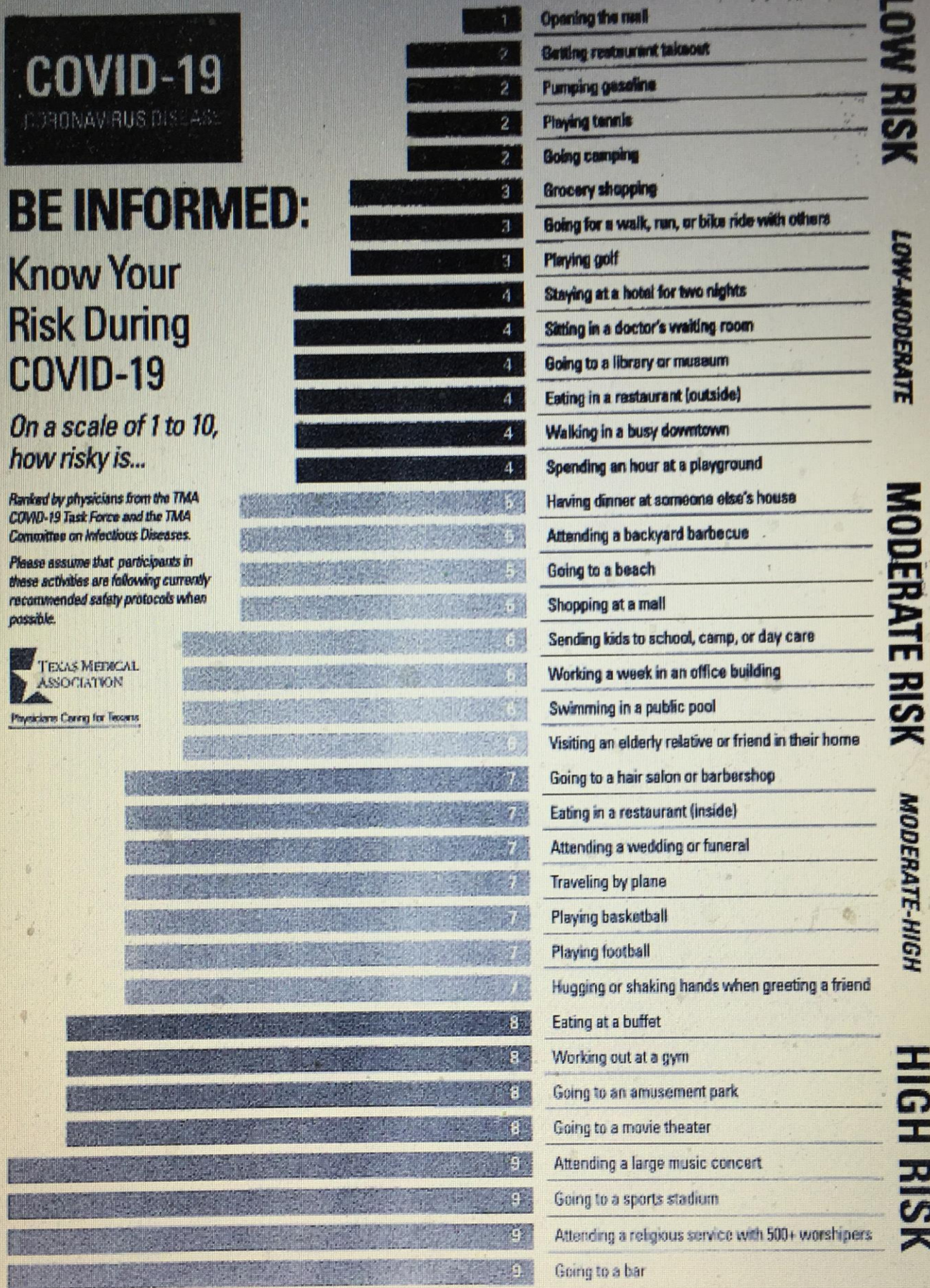
BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



Library Update

Betty and Lee Murray, whose house borders the Little Free Library, report plenty of folks coming and going with books. Thanks to Betty, who donates books when she sees the need. And everybody else who's keeping it well stocked.

When I emailed you about the relocation of the Library to the garage, I failed to thank Brian Smith from Maintenance and Tim Probst, Marketing Director, for doing the heavy lifting. We can thank them for moving the bookcases and the boxes of books.

Donations: At my request, some of you are holding boxes of books that you want to donate. Overall, we've an ample supply and those will be good additions when we move to the Community Center. But in case you have LARGE PRINT BOOKS, please donate them now. They are a precious commodity and will be well received by those for whom this is the necessary or preferred way to read. If you have large print books that you don't want to donate, but would lend, let me know, and we'll sort that out.

Results of latest inventory of the large print books on loan from the Fairhaven Library: Every single one of these books is either checked out or in the window! Thanks for following the Fairhaven check-out system.

Thanks again for supporting our libraries.

Kathy Ross

This, That and the Other

Some of you will have already noticed that one of the tables in the Coffee House garage has photos of mostly wildlife around Prairie Village. There are two unsigned artworks and a third one signed by "Charlotte of PEI." These items were displayed on the back wall of the garage. In addition, there's the small wall clock that hung on the garage wall and a "wind chime" made of cans. Should any of these be yours or of special interest, please take them. (Prairie Village-specific plaques, including the memorial one, and paintings by Bob Wulfsuhle are currently in the capable hands of Gary and Lyndia Fry for safe keeping as we transition to the Community Center.)

You'll also see on that table two school photos that I found in a donated book. One photo of a blonde-haired boy in a red shirt has an inscription on the back – "August 2002 Sam Kindergarten". The other is of a dark-haired girl in a blue top – "Emily 4th grade August 2002."

This, That and the Other, continued

And while we're at it, I found this 2 ½" buffalo insignia in the parking area in front of the Piehls and Christoffersons. None of us recognize it – do you? I have it at my house and will gladly return it to whoever claims it.

And one more totally unrelated item: Our July water bill included a phone number to call – 262 473 0103 – with questions about voting this fall. I had questions so I called and can report I got prompt and understandable answer. Just in case you're wondering about the various options for the upcoming elections . . .

Kathy Ross



Gardeners

The growing season is at its prime, garden looks good. Harvesting is now the main function. Unfortunately the 3 squash plants and several cucumber plants have already stopped producing so there is currently little extra produce to go on the William Smith Memorial Bench to be enjoyed by others. The garden is almost free of grasses and weeds; I've still got some work to do in my row and the empty rows. Hopefully that will get easier as the weather cools.

Bob Aulik has agreed to "repair" the longer and newer hose in the garden - it leaks at all the metal couplings. Once again "Hats off to Bob"!

We expect to get another one or two loads of manure for the garden this fall. It will probably be around mid-October as your plants stop producing. Please pull them out and get them on the compost row - last one on the east side of the garden - THANKS! Contact Hans or Jake if you have any questions.

We recently had a turtle in our basement window well. Jim from Fairhaven came and used a shovel to get him out, and used his larger shovel to carry the turtle to the field. I enlarged the turtle on the shovel, so you can see how happy he was to be free. The little black mouse(?) was left behind - he was in hiding while Jim was here.

Mary Anne Gerlach



Barb Dosemagen shared this photo of our deer fawns:



And Paul Kuenning shared these pictures of the interior of the Community Center



As a reminder, this is what the building looked like a year ago:

