

Voice of the Village People

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MORNING COFFEES and HAPPY HOUR: Prairie Village residents are reminded that all are invited to the Tuesday and Thursday morning coffees at 10:00 A.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center. And the same goes for the Happy Hour (cocktail/social hour) at 4:00 P.M. each Wednesday afternoon in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center. Lively conversation is guaranteed at both activities. Fairhaven's Executive Director Paul Kuenning will be making his next bi-monthly report to Prairie Village on Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:00 A.M.

GARBAGE PICKUP: January's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, January 12th. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

FURNACE FILTERS AND SALT: It is that time of year again . . . time to think about preparing for/responding to our winter weather. If anyone needs additional salt for sidewalks, driveways, etc., it is available in buckets on the back patio (outside) near the door to the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center. Furnace filters are available in the Community Center and can be found on a wooden shelf in the storeroom across the hall from the kitchen.

NEWSLETTERS: Copies of Fairhaven and Seniors in the Park newsletters are available on the brochure rack inside the Community Center. 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.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Tuesday, the 3rd -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 4th – Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 5th – Cribbage Club (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 7th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 9th – Bingo with UW-W Men's Basketball team in Olm Fellowship Hall – 3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 10th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Wednesday, the 11th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Bingo in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

UW-W Women's Basketball Game outing, leaving the front lobby at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 12th -- Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Free Blood Pressure Screenings by Fort Wellness in the Whitewater

Conference Room at Fairhaven by Fort Wellness – 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Resident Tea in the Skylight Dining Room and Piano Lounge – 2:30 P.M.

Friday, the 13th – Vintage Mix Quartet in Olm Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Saturday, the 14th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Monday, the 16th – Presentation on exploring the ocean depths by UW-W Graduate

Student Sarah Treadwell in Olm Fellowship Hall – 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 17th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 18th – Special movie day at Whitewater Cinema – 1:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 19th – Cribbage Club (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Fresh Cheese Curd sale in the Piano Lounge – 2:15 P.M.

Friday, the 20th – Annual Chili Dump (Multi-Purpose Room) – 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 21st – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, the 24th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 25th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Local Landmarks at Risk presentation by Kori Oberle in Olm

Fellowship Hall – 1:15 P.M.

Crime Book Club (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 26th – Prairie Chicks meet at the Community Center to carpool to

Lunch – 11:00 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 28th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Also please note that further information about all activities scheduled in Olm Fellowship Hall and/or the Piano Lounge can be found in the Fairhaven newsletter, copies of which are available in the lobby at the Community Center.

Prairie Chicks

The Prairie Chicks will meet at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 26th, at which time it will be decided where to go for lunch. A reorganizing and planning meeting will be held during the luncheon.

CRIBBAGE CLUB

We are starting up a Cribbage Club which will meet in the Community Center on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 P.M. If you would like to play cribbage with us (or would like to learn cribbage) please come! *Our next meeting is Thursday, January 5th at 2:00 P.M. in the Community Center.* If you have questions, please contact Tom Christofferson 608-807-6859 or Gary Fry 815-501-2629

Upcoming Social Events:

A Blessed New Year to all our Prairie Village neighborhood friends.

I cannot believe another year has zipped past, as together we collectively have had a lot of fun, including welcoming many new neighbors to our community. Please encourage our new friends to join us during the new year for all our exciting Prairie Village activities.

Movie Night

Movie Night is always the first Wednesday of the month, and January is no exception. On January 4, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. we will be viewing "Christmas Oranges". It is the story of an orphaned girl. I know it is just after Christmas, but I thought you would enjoy this tender story. As always, munching snacks and drinks will be provided.

Party time!

Our traditional January event has been our "Chili Dump." Instead of a usual noontime event, we are scheduling it for a late afternoon. Mark your calendars for Friday, January 20, at 5:00 P.M. Just make your favorite chili recipe and bring a quart to be dumped into a big Nesco cooker. If you have any dietary restrictions or limitations, just bring what you can eat so you can be a part of our group for socialization. If you are not bringing chili, you can bring a dessert to pass or a side dish that you think will go with chili. We will have sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, and Fritos, for topping the chili.

Upcoming Social Events, continued:

We will also have a White Elephant gametime to end the evening. Just bring a wrapped White Elephant gift, along with your ability to hoot and laugh for a gay fun time. A White Elephant gift can be something old or new, useful, or uselessly funny. Let your mind have fun planning what to bring. Sign-up to attend at the front desk at the Prairie Village Community Center (PVCC).

Fireside Dinner Theatre Outing

We have a Fireside Theatre outing scheduled on Sunday, April 23rd, for the BIG buffet at 10:45 A.M., followed by “Grumpy Old Men: The Musical”. I think we will all have some good laughs with this production. I have already paid for 26 tickets in the 1st and 2nd row, in section Y – good seats! As of this writing I have already sold 12 tickets, so call me as soon as you can to put your name on the list to attend before the tickets are all taken. The discounted price per person for the buffet and theatre production, including tax and tip, is \$84.33. Note: deadline for payment (not signup) is March 10th.

If you have any questions concerning this event, call me, Judith Moldenhauer, at 262-473-4055.

Vagabond Dinners

Again, for the benefit of our new residents, I will explain the Vagabond dinners’ group. This group is open to anyone wishing to explore a dinner out with friends and neighbors. The restaurant might be new to you or one that you already have dined at. They most likely will not be dining establishments right around Whitewater. This coming year we will venture to more far-flung places, as we have dined at most of the local restaurants. For this reason, we are delaying the start of the 2023 outings to make sure the weather will not be an obstacle. I was just at the FOX & HOUNDS restaurant in Hubertus after the Lake Country Community Band concert at HOLY HILL. I am hoping we pull that restaurant’s name from our ditty bag for a summer outing. What a wonderful time my family and I had at that historic restaurant, with all the fireplaces aglow and Christmas decorations abounding everywhere. For our outing, as we drive to dine there, you will experience beautiful views in and around the Holy Hill area. It is also a two-for-one restaurant; in other words, by one, get one free for the entrees.

A nice feature of the vagabond dining group is that you do not have to attend the outing each month -- only when the restaurant interests you. With that thought in mind, be sure to check the newsletter each month for information on the next outing. We usually dine out the second Thursday of the month. I am hoping we will have mild weather so we can start our outings in February, but maybe I’m just daydreaming.

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Happy New Year! In January we will be reading *The Boy From The Woods* by Harlan Coben. Please join us at our next meeting if you are eager to make new friends. We usually have some fun and interesting conversations where everyone has 'their say'. Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on January 25th at 6:30 P.M.

I have books available for pickup at my house, 834 Acorn Ridge. I can't wait to see you all real soon.
Kathy Schumacher

Donation Opportunities

We've recently had several suggestions of items that we believe will enhance the appearance and our use of the Community Center. Before we consider purchasing, we wonder if anyone has the following.

Flag poles, stands, and U.S. and Wisconsin State flags - We believe they'd be a good addition to the area around the fireplace. We're not necessarily expecting anyone to have these in their basements, but maybe you are part of an organization that would share such with us?

A professional grade paper shredder --

We're very specifically looking for a shredder (which would be placed in the office for everyone's use) that will chew up (not just create stripes of paper) multiple pages at once. Think of the ones you may have last seen in an office.

If you have access to such, please let Sue Brey or Gary Fry know. Thanks!

Prairie Village Donation Box

At our recent PV Christmas Party, and at previous social events, we have set out a Donation Box. Several Villagers have commented they'd like the opportunity to donate at other times also. To support this, we will have a Donation Box on permanent display in the Community Center. The Box will be labeled and placed on the table in the lobby.

Money collected in the box goes to the Prairie Village Social Fund. This fund is administered by Sue Stanley and is used, exclusively, to reimburse Villagers who have purchased supplies and materials which are used for all-Village social events. (Note: Fairhaven does not provide funds for resident-sponsored social events in the Community Center.) If you have questions about the fund, please contact Sue.

American History Lectures at Seniors in the Park

Be sure to watch for additional information about American History Lectures at Seniors in the Park in February by Prairie Village's own Richard Haney, Emeritus Professor of History at UW-W. Dick's lectures are always informative and entertaining.

Library Update

Our collection of Christmas-themed books is being used often and well. I'll have them out until sometime after the first of the month.

"Watch this space" next month – I'll have an approximate number of books that circulated in and out of our Library in 2022 (there are some legitimate reasons it's approximate).

Thanks again to Tom Stanley for sharing HIS book! Thanks to Judith for insuring the Library was beautifully decorated for Christmas!

Looking for a movie, an audio book, a Great Course? All are available in the Library.

Thanks to all of you who support our Library. Puzzle and book donations are always appreciated – best if books are delivered to my porch, or I'll come get them. Please limit non-fiction donations to history or biographies. As always, let me know if you have questions or suggestions.

Happy New Year, Kathy Ross

Birthday, Anniversary and Other Cards in the Community Center

The Friends of Fairhaven have a limited number of birthday, anniversary, and other general Hallmark cards available on the table outside the Library. They'll be there until mid-late January when Valentines will be available. Thanks again for your continued support of these card sales.

Kathy Ross

Whitewater Library Programs for January

Contact Sarah French with any questions - (262) 458-2782

Reflect & Realign Journaling Workshop

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 P.M.

Get 2023 off to a great start by realigning with reflective journaling. This workshop will be led by local writer Katy Daixon Wimer, and you'll come away inspired and refreshed. Feel free to bring your own journal, or a small journal will be provided.

Please contact Sarah French to register. There is no cost to attend.

Mindful Mondays Book Club

Mindful Mondays is a book club for conscious living led by Denise Maple and Lori Frison. We will meet every 4th Monday at 6:00-7:30 P.M. for a book discussion and mindfulness practice. Join us for our very first meeting, which will be an introduction to the group and the first book selection.

Please contact Sarah French to register. There is no cost to attend, and the book selection will be available for check out.

Whitewater Library Programs for January, continued

Local Landmarks at Risk

Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 P.M.

The Local Landmarks At Risk program will feature four City-owned landmarks: Birge Fountain, Starin Park Water Tower, White Memorial Building, and Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve. Landmarks Commission members will provide brief overviews and photos of all four landmarks, along with details concerning their current deteriorated conditions and needs for repair and restoration. The public is invited to attend this presentation, and no registration is required.

Special Event Open to the Public at UWW Community Engagement Center

The Janesville Gazette article describes this event, which I'm assured by my family is not-for-kids only. The Friday referred to in this article was a limited opening. It is open for the general public from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on January 7th, and 21st, and February 4th, and 18th.

See <https://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/community-engagement-center> for more information.

Kathy Ross

Extreme Earth: UW-W grad student organizes exhibit on ocean exploration

A UW-W grad student who has ties to NASA and goes by the nomer "Space Case Sarah," is sharing through a new museum exhibit about a related passion of hers—exploring the ocean depths.

UW-Whitewater graduate student Sarah Treadwell is a communications officer for the JOIDES Expedition 399, which will explore "extreme parts of the Atlantic Ocean" from April to June 2023.

Treadwell has organized the exhibit "In Search of Earth's Secrets" which is opening at 5 p.m. Friday in the University's Community Engagement Center, 1260 W. Main St. Admission is free.

It will showcase work and information gathered on the JOIDES Resolution Science Operator, a research ship that drills into the ocean floor to retrieve fossil samples via a string that can reach depths up to about six miles below the ocean surface. JOIDES stands for Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling.

In an interview this week, Treadwell said she initially tried to organize the exhibit at schools near her home in the Rockford area, but the opportunity arose to have it at UW-Whitewater. Treadwell, an Elkhorn native, is an ambassador for NASA. She has also been a scholarly writer and instructor on space-related topics.

She goes by the name of "Space Case Sarah" and hosts space-themed shows on NASA TV and IHeartRadio. Treadwell said that the work done on the JOIDES helps people gain an understanding of space.

Her website states that her passion is to "explore the natural world to better understand our planet and our place in the cosmos."

Special Event Open to the Public at UWW Community Engagement Center, continued

“It’s studying extreme places on Earth to understand life there with hopes to understand life in the Solar System,” Treadwell said.

The exhibit, open until February, will have kiosks geared toward elementary and middle school students, but “can be enjoyable to people of all ages,” she said. It will include screens with video and animation of past JOIDES missions and maps of where the ship has been.

The exhibit will sometimes feature an inflatable replica of the JOIDES that will have video walls and posters inside of it explaining the work of the ship, lessons on fossils and the history of the earth. The ship will not be up throughout the duration of the exhibit because of the size, Treadwell said.

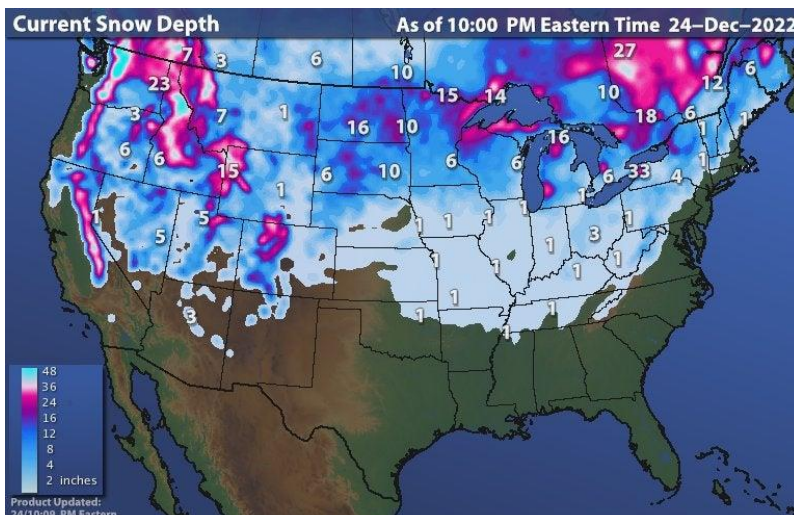
Teams on the ship have collected fossils, or “indicator species,” to get an idea of when layers of the surface were formed and the climate was like then. Timelines explaining that will be on display.

Work previously done on the JOIDES was used in preparation for the Artemis mission, which had a successful launch last month.

Did You Know?....Now You Know!

Rusty Kapela

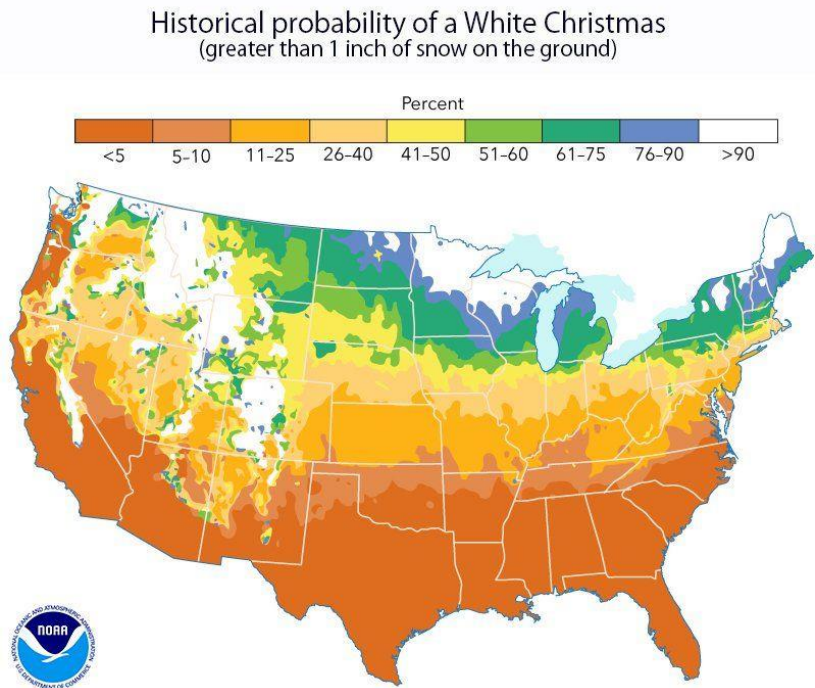
Did You Have a White Christmas? Lots of folks want a white Christmas. And 2022 didn’t disappoint. Much of the northern half of the U.S. and the mountains over the southwest part of the country had a snow cover going into December 25th. Below is an image showing the U.S. Christmas Eve 2022 snow-cover. On Dec 24th, Fish Lake in the Washington Cascades had a snow depth of 126.”



Did You Know?....Now You Know!, continued

We know, by experience, a white Christmas isn't guaranteed. It depends on the storm track, moisture availability and whether a Canadian high pressure can pull enough cold air south. Below is a map showing the historical probability of having a white Christmas across the U.S.

So, the 50% line (half of Dec 25ths are white and half are green) runs roughly from Boston to Cleveland to Detroit to Chicago to Des Moines to Sioux city to the Black Hills area. Again, the pattern over the western U.S. is highly dependent on elevation above sea level...called mountains!



Speaking of snow, did you know Hawaii gets snow? Crazy, huh? Yes, on the top of 3 volcanoes snow can fall during our winter season. This happens when a low-pressure weather system called "Kona Low" moves across or near the islands of Hawaii. These systems bring rain to normally dry parts of Hawaii and snow roughly above 8,000 feet above sea level on these volcanoes: Mauna Kea (13,796'), Mauna Loa (13,678') and Haleakala (10,023').



Above: Mauna Kea, Big Island



Above: Haleakala (on Maui)

FYI: all 3 volcanoes were capped with glaciers at one point in time during the various Ice Ages. In fact, Haleakala was estimated to be at least a couple thousand feet taller prior to its magma chamber partially collapsing and also erosion due to precipitation.

This is not a common occurrence. Mourning Doves are known mostly as ground feeders. I have never seen one on an elevated feeder, but Google says they will feed on open feeders occasionally. It stayed for a long period of time. I guess it got tired of picking up those tiny seeds off the ground and went for the mother lode.

Curt McCulley



Our potluck on December 9th was well-attended, and good food and a good time was had by all. The program provided by the Whitewater Warblers was especially appreciated, as they sang everything from *I Ain't Getting' Nuttin' for Christmas* and *All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth* to *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus* and Elvis' *Blue Christmas*, and everything in between.



Meals, Meals, do you need Meals?? We have 2 options.

1. PV Meal Team

Short-term solution due to an illness or accident,
recent hospitalization, bereavement, etc.

Contact: Colleen Endisch 262-325-1460

2. Whitewater Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Long-term solution. \$10 per meal.

Contact: Sue Stanley 262-473-3016

Community Center - Safety Issue

It is wonderful that we Villagers are increasingly using the Community Center to host social events for family & friends. However, there is a safety issue involved, and it must be corrected. The front entrance door to the building (the inner door requiring key fob to enter) is being "parked" in the open position. This allows guests without key fob to enter and is a convenience to meeting hosts, who otherwise would need someone stationed at the door to allow entry. The problem is that meeting hosts (Villagers) forget to restore this door to normal operation when their event is over, which leaves the front door unlocked and open to anyone who wants to enter. This has happened several times in the past year, most recently over Christmas weekend. Obviously an open front door on an empty building is an extreme security risk, for person & property. This must be corrected so we request all meeting hosts check and ensure the inner door is closed when your event is over. Thank you.

Fairhaven Tour

We have had requests from Prairie Village residents for a tour of Fairhaven – to refresh details on services at our main campus, sometimes affectionally refereed to as “The Big House.” For many of you it’s been some time since we’ve had such a discussion, and with the challenges over the past few years dealing with Covid, some things have changed. I am always open to one-on-one or a couple tour if you want to keep things private. Just call or email me. We could also schedule some ‘small group’ tours. I’m thinking 5-6 people at a time would be ideal. I’d appreciate input as to days and times that might work. Let me know and we’ll get the process started, locked in the calendar, and publicized. Thanks in advance of your cooperation.

Therapy at Fairhaven

A reminder that Greenfield, our Therapy partners at Fairhaven will do ‘on-site’ therapy for Prairie Village residents. These services must be coordinated with your insurance company. Please call the Front Desk and ask to speak with the Greenfield Therapy Department if you have questions.

Prairie Village Homes Available

Most of you likely know that we currently have 3 Prairie Village homes available. We’d appreciate your help in identifying potential residents. Info Sheets for each home are available at the Community Center. If you need more, please send me an email: probstt@fairhaven.org
Have a wonderful and healthy 2023.

Tim Probst