

# Voice of the Village People

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**MORNING COFFEES, GIRL TALK, 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, and for the Girl Talk gatherings (ladies only, please) on Fridays at 10:00 A.M. in the Library at the Community Center. Lively conversation is guaranteed at all of these activities.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** August's bulky collection date is the second Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the schedule has been posted at the Community Center.

**MEALS, MEALS – DO YOU NEED MEALS?** For short-term, due to an illness or accident, recent hospitalization, bereavement, etc., contact Colleen Endisch – 262-325-1460. And for Whitewater Meals on Wheels (MOW) long-term (\$10 per meal) contact Marguerite Willman, 708-822-0539.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SHORT-TERM LEASE:** An updated list of Medical Equipment for short-term lease is posted in the Community Center office. A reminder that this is for short-term loan only. If you or your family is in need of any of these items, or you have any items to add to the list, contact Steve Lade at 262-458-2261.

**HOME RESPITE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE --** Please be reminded that if you or a loved one would like a break from caregiving, this committee can furnish a volunteer to visit at your home while you can have time away. Dates and times are flexible. If you would like to utilize this service, contact Steve Lade at 262-458-2261.

**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](mailto:nelronbergsten@gmail.com), or deliver or mail a “hard” copy to 852 Acorn Ridge.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> – Multi-Purpose Room carpet being shampooed

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> – Schumacher and Behrens game night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P. M.

Movie Night (Multi-Purpose Room) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Bulky garbage/recycling pickup

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> – Shannon speaking at coffee with Hearthstone manager Stephanie Zwitter  
(Multi-Purpose Room) – 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Ice Cream Social (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Vagabond Diners meet at the Community Center to carpool to  
Milford Hills – 3:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P. M.

Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Prairie Chicks meet at the Community Center to carpool to lunch – 11:00 A.M.

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> --- Chair yoga (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.  
Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Please note that information about all activities scheduled at Fairhaven can be found in the Fairhaven newsletter, copies of which are available in the lobby at the Community Center.

## PRAIRIE CHICKS

Prairie Chicks will meet August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 A.M. at the Community Center to carpool to Coachman's Golf Resort for lunch. Then we will go to the Norwegian Bakery in Stoughton. Call Elizaeth at 262-473-7583 to RSVP by August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM CARPET BEING SHAMPOOED

The carpet will be shampooed on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The shampooers will be there around lunchtime, and maintenance will be out in the morning to move the furniture. Please stay off the carpet until Saturday morning to help allow it adequate time to dry and avoid matting. I apologize for the inconvenience.  
Shannon Schoville

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

**Movie Night** -- Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M.

Again, we will redo the movie we had scheduled for last month. The movie will be *Valkyrie* starring Tom Cruise. This engrossing thriller reenacts the daring operation for the assassination plot targeting Adolph Hitler. This movie delivers gripping suspense and pulse-pounding excitement from start to finish. Popcorn, soda and beer will be served.

The **Vagabond Diners** will be doing something very special on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Our seating reservation is at 4:30 P.M.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS, continued:

Experience the essence of local flavor at **Milford Hills'** "Farm to Table event". This special evening celebrates the bounty of our local region with a meticulously-curated menu showcasing ingredients sourced directly from the Jefferson County Fair and nearby markets. Indulge in the freshest seasonal produce, artisanal cheeses, and meats that highlight the rich agricultural heritage of our local community.

Reservations are very limited, and the food selection deadline will need to be called in the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup>. You cannot hesitate for this outing. I will post the menu selection in the office at our Community Center, or you can look at the menu online on Milford Hills' website (link: <https://milfordhills.com/farm-to-table-dinner/>); it appears under the EVENTS tab. You must pick the Salad, Main Course, Starch, & Vegetable.

The Appetizers and Dessert are extra and not included in the main-course price. You will be responsible for the cost of your meal if you cancel within 72 hours of the event.

If this dining adventure interests you, call me, Judith, at (262) 473-4055, and I can fill you in with the details. We will meet at the Community Center at 3:30 P.M., so we can carpool to this event.



The Schumacher and Behrens game night will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 P.M. We will be playing three different games and will move from table to table so that you will be able to play all games and play with several different neighbors. Snacks and beverages will be provided. We hope you will join us!

### **I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream!**

Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 P.M. A variety of ice cream flavors and sauces, cookies, cake, sprinkles, cherries, whipped cream, nuts, peanuts! Yum, Yum, Come on Down! Entertainment will be provided by a Ukelele Band.

Please sign up at the Community Center so we don't run out of ice cream!



## Library Update and More

**Since you've asked – more about our newsletter books....**

Sue Brey was the first person I recall mentioning a while back that it'd be nice if we had a set of The Voice of the Village People newsletters compiled somehow.

## **Library Update and More, continued**

I asked Suzanne Haselow at the Whitewater Library how she gets the documents for their Whitewater collection bound, and she recommended Grimm Book Bindery in Madison. Nelda, Gary, and I briefly considered other options, but this seemed to make sense. Nelda suggested the organization that resulted in the three volumes on the table in the library where you'll find them (if they're there). She also wrote a history of the newsletter, first page of Volume 1.

Fairhaven paid for the shipping and handling costs, and for Grimm's work - \$251.00. That's the story of this project. Should you have a personal or organizational need for book binding, I can give you more details about our experience, or Suzanne at the Library can recommend them even more knowledgeably than I can. The staff at Grimm were very helpful, and I never felt like I was asking a stupid question, even though I probably was.

### **Anybody interested in Bernard Cornwell?**

We have inherited seven new-looking Cornwell's books – an author whose books we currently don't have on our shelves, and I'm unsure if they'd be of general interest. That being said, if he is a favorite of yours or anyone you know, I'll be happy to deliver these seven books.

### **Bookcase Update**

I've no more to say about Jim Schumacher's work on our bookcases than I did in the email that Gary forwarded on July 11. If that doesn't sound familiar, let me know, and I'll be glad to get it to you.

Thanks to those of you who have already donated or are considering it. As a reminder:

- Make your check to the Fairhaven Foundation, noting it is for Prairie Village bookcases
- If you want a tax receipt, ask for it when you turn in your check. Shannon will get it to you (another thing to thank her for)
- If you want your donation publicly acknowledged when the project is done, please let me know you donated. I do not need to know how much you donated. If this is a memorial gift or in honor of someone, I need that name(s).

Fiction, mystery/thrillers, history, and "people" donations are always welcome. Leave them in the cooler on my porch (881 BOT), or I'll come get them. If you've suggestions or questions, let me know. Thanks to everyone who supports our Library in any way.

**Etc.**

Thanks to those of you who continue to contribute empty, clean and unlabeled prescription bottles for a local clinic. You can leave them in the cooler on my porch, or I'll come by and get them.

Kathy Ross

I still am collecting egg cartons. Put them on my porch or call me  
262-473-5783. I will pick them up.

Thank you, Elizabeth Asher

## **Kinetic Summer**

Summer energies bloom out loud.  
They fill the earth with life. We're  
stressing nature's power to renew.  
We consume too much of its future  
for ourselves. I may fear for tomorrow,  
but my faith in the future is restored  
as bunnies mate openly and fawns  
dance among the wildflowers.

7/24/2024 (Gerry Bertsch)

These fine people gathered on a recent Saturday morning to participate in Bean Bag Baseball. As you can see, they are a happy crew.

Please note that any Prairie Villager who is interested in joining this group is more than welcome. One needn't worry about his/her skill level at bean bag baseball. Come and join in the fun!





Some Prairie Village residents may be aware that we had a nest of killdeer in the parking lot at the Community Center. Their nest is irregular, to say the least. The picture on the left shows two speckled eggs very near the center of the picture. A young newly-hatched chick, with its bill pointing toward the lower right corner of the picture, is standing next to the egg on the right.

And the other picture is mama (papa?) putting on the “broken wing” act in an attempt to draw the photographer away from the nest. For the record, she (he?) was successful in doing so.

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

**Rusty Kapela**

## **Experiencing humid/uncomfortable conditions? it's the Dewpoint!**

Anyone living in the eastern half of the U.S. has experienced humid and uncomfortable weather conditions. It happens every summer. We simply can't escape those unbearably muggy weather conditions because the air we breathe has the ability to hold a lot of invisible water vapor!

### **Key points about sweating:**

- The human body sweats during humid/muggy weather conditions.
- The sweat evaporates from your skin surface.
- The evaporation extracts heat from your body.
- The heat extraction cools your skin surface/body.

- The greater the amount of water vapor in the air, the more difficult it is for sweat to evaporate from your skin surface. This makes you more uncomfortable.



The best way to determine if humid/muggy air is approaching your local area is to monitor the dewpoint temperature. This number indicates how much invisible water vapor the air is holding.

### **Background info - Key points about Relative Humidities:**

- Higher relative humidities indicate the air is closer to saturation, regardless of the temperature.
- Lower relative humidities indicate the air is further away from saturation, regardless of the temperature.
- One can experience 100% relative humidity levels (fog) in mid-winter, but not feel uncomfortable, because the actual amount of moisture in the air isn't as much as it could be in mid-summer.
- The problem isn't that relative humidity levels don't directly that make you feel uncomfortable like you do on muggy/humid summer day - the problem is how much moisture (invisible water vapor) the air is holding!
- So, it's all about the actual amount of invisible water vapor in the air - which is indicated by the dewpoint temperature!

### **Key points about Dewpoint Temperatures:**

- Higher dewpoint temperatures indicate more water vapor in the air.
- Lower dewpoint temperatures indicate drier air. Dry air makes it easier for sweat to evaporate from your skin surface.
- Warmer air can hold more invisible water vapor compared to cooler air.
- So, warmer air can be associated with higher dewpoint temperatures and cooler air is associated with lower dewpoint temperatures.
- Air with higher dewpoint temperatures will make more people feel uncomfortable.

### **Scientific explanation of Dewpoint:**

- The temperature where relative humidity relative humidity reaches 100%. This temperature, at which saturation occurs, is known as "Dewpoint Temperature."
- In simple words, it is the temperature to which moist air must be cooled to reach saturation.
- For example, condensed water vapor is called dew when it forms on a solid surface such as grass blades.





### How you can obtain Dewpoint Temperatures:

- Your NOAA National Weather Service, in conjunction with various other federal and state governments, along with some universities, have historically provided measurements of air temperatures, dewpoint temperatures, barometric pressure, cloud amounts, wind speed & direction and precipitation amounts at hundreds of observation sites across the country.
- Dewpoint temperatures serve as a valuable indicator of how much invisible water vapor the air in your local area is holding. Therefore, you should take advantage of dewpoint temperature information! There are a variety of online sources (weather apps are one source) of dewpoint temperatures and your local TV/radio meteorologist also provides this information.
- <https://www.weather.gov/>

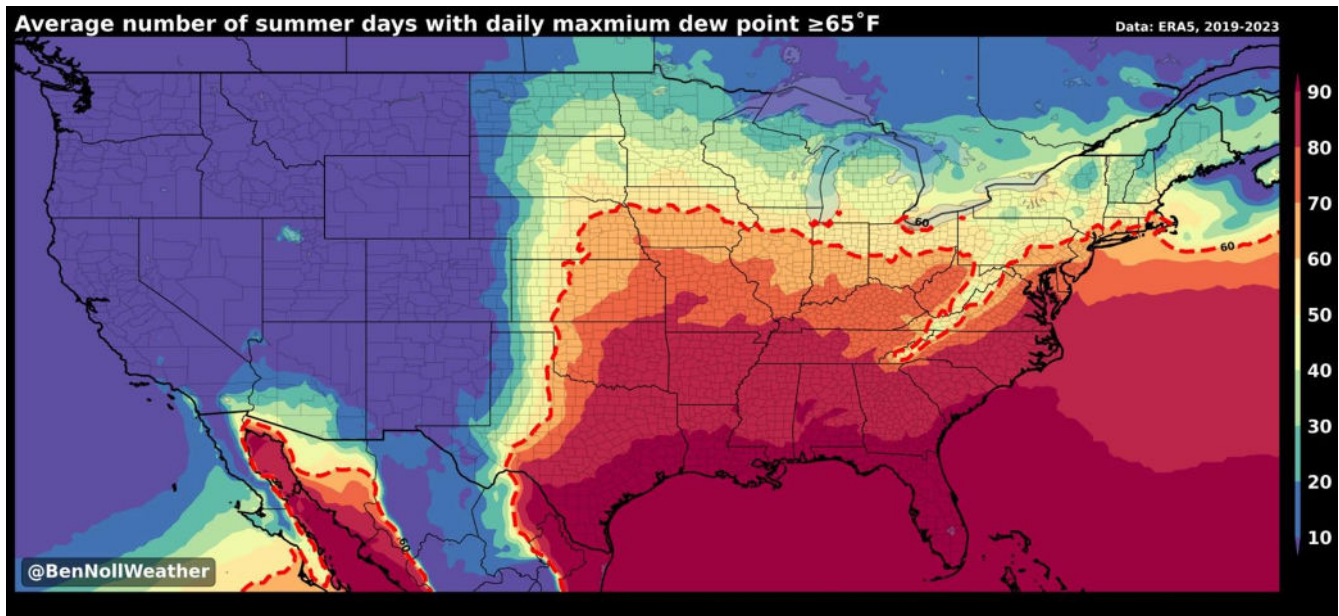
## Dew Point Comfort Levels

Dew Point Temperature	How it Feels
>24 C (75 F)	Extremely uncomfortable; Oppressive; Possible heat stress
21-24 C (70-75 F)	Very uncomfortable; Quite Muggy
18-21 C (64-70 F)	Somewhat muggy
15-18 C (59-64 F)	Slightly uncomfortable
10-15 C (50-59 F)	Comfortable
5-10 C (41-50 F)	Dry
< 5 C (<41 F)	Very Dry

### What parts of the U.S. get the most days with Dewpoints 65F or higher?

- Primarily, the eastern half of the country, especially the southeast quarter of the country.

- Extreme southeast California and the southern half of Arizona experience a mini-monsoon season during the months of July and August; so that area experiences some days with dewpoints of 65 or higher.



### **What are some record-high Dewpoint Temperatures?**

- The highest verified dewpoint temperature ever recorded in the U.S. was 88F in Moorhead, MN, on the Red River across from Fargo, North Dakota, between 7pm and 9pm on July 19, 2011. Note: the ground in that area was saturated due to recent heavy rains and the local sugar beet and soybean crops transpire a lot of moisture in order to cool off. Corn is another crop that transpires a lot of moisture. Additionally, Newton, Iowa recorded an 88°F dewpoint on July 14, 2010. Chicago's highest dew point was 83°F at 8 a.m. on July 30, 1999, as was Milwaukee's with an 82°F the same day.
- The highest dewpoint temperature recorded in the world was 95°F at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia at 3 p.m. on July 8, 2003. The dry bulb temperature stood at 108°F at the time, so theoretically the heat index was 178°.

