

# Voice of the Village People

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**MORNING COFFEES, GIRL TALK, HAPPY HOUR, and MEN’S GROUP:** 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. And, finally, the men gather for conversation on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. Lively conversation is guaranteed at all of these activities.

**GARBAGE PICKUP:** February’s bulky collection date is the second Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 front porch at the front door and at the back side of 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.

**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.

Please note that the **DEADLINE** for submitting info, photos, etc., for the March issue is Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS**

Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> -- Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup> -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

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

Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Pot luck (Multi-Purpose Room) – Arrive at 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Crime Book Club (Library) – 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> – Prairie Chicks (Multi-Purpose Room) – 12:30 P.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.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. In the event that the supply at the Community Center has been depleted, additional copies are available at the front desk at Fairhaven.

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:**

Movie Night Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M.

Movie Night always loves to please its audience with their suggestions, and this is a good one. This is a great opportunity to sit back and enjoy a blockbuster Academy Award Winner titled “Places in the Heart” with Sally Field, John Malkovich, Danny Glover, Ed Harris, Amy Madigan. We also have sub titles on this movie if you have hearing problems.

The movie is set in the 1930s in Waxahachie, Texas. This is a picture that leaves an indelible impression of faith, courage, love, and most of all, endurance. You will love it.

Fresh popcorn, soda, and beer are always served.

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES !

February Good Old Fashioned Potluck on February 13<sup>th</sup>

Arrive 4:30 P.M., Eat by 5:00 P.M., Music at 5:30 P.M,

Please sign up by the end of the day on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Music will be provided by the Kettle Moraine Blues Band; you might remember them from their last appearance. A free will offering will go to them.



It's almost Valentine's Day. Wear something red, and you might win a prize. Mark your calendar!

## **PRAIRIE CHICKS**

Prairie Chicks will meet at the Community Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of February, the 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 P.M. for a taco salad lunch. Please bring “finger food” dessert to share. . We will be using our tie together to share our thoughts and plan for the coming year.

Please RSVP to Sue Brey at 262-458-2311 by Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

# CRIME BOOK CLUB

I am sure you have all had an exciting start to 2025 and are ready to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I promise that next month we will be back on a normal schedule and will be meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

Our read for the month of January was *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. It encompassed the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI. Certainly, a different read and I am anxious to see how everyone enjoyed the book.

The February book is *Elevator Pitch* by Linwood Barclay. This author is the *New York Times* bestselling author of eighteen previous novels so we should be in for a great read.

As a reminder to you all (and to me) we will be meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup> before we take a break for the summer months. That means after summer we will meet on August 27<sup>th</sup> just for me to distribute books for our September adventure.

In Crime,

Kathy Schumacher

## February 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

**793!**

That's an approximate number of books that were returned to our Library during 2024. It's an approximate number since I believe some of you reshelve your books, and I don't always remember to record the number of books I shelve. And some books may have been taken and not returned. Impressive statistic, I think.

### Where are People books?

People books have been relocated to the Game Room. Christmas books are in the wall hung cabinet. Selected mystery authors and series are located on that cabinet top. See the "directional" sign on the cabinet door next time you're in the Library.

### Bookcase #2

Our neighbor Jim Schumacher is working on the design and details of the second bookcase. It'll be located by the windows in the room with the puzzles. He'll provide his skills and talents to build it. I will announce the materials cost for anyone who wants to donate through the Fairhaven Foundation for this ongoing project when they are available.

# February 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update, continued

## Large Print Westerns

These donated books from the Fort Atkinson Library are wintering in my garage. If you've any interest in seeing what we've inherited, let me know.

### "Stalin Over Wisconsin" by Stephen Meyer

I put this recent donation on the round table with the other books by or about our neighbors. No, Stephen Meyer is not a current or former neighbor. He was, however, smart enough to ask our neighbor Richard Haney to write a review of his book which is in the front of this book. History lovers, you may find both interesting!

## Donations

Fiction, mystery-thrillers, history and people (biography, autobiography, and memoir) are always welcome. It works best for my "system" that donations are left on my porch in the cooler – 881 BOT.

Thanks to all of you who support our Library in any way. Thanks for your questions and suggestions.

## ETC.

Repeat thanks to those of you who leave clean, unlabeled prescription bottles in that cooler on my porch. They ultimately are repurposed for good.

## Valentines?

By the time you read this, there will be Valentines on the table outside the Library, or they are all gone. Within the first 48 hours of my putting them out in late January, you'd donated \$22, and most were gone. As of this writing, I don't know if we'll get more. Thanks again from Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart.  
Kathy Ross

## Geese Overhead

Their calls make me look up. Even when I'm indoors, I hear them and go to the window to watch. I don't know where they're off to. They fly with purpose. Aloft, they're like a kinetic sculpture. I wish them well. There's a meal waiting for them.

They don't ask for much else. Come spring they'll become a nuisance somewhere. Until then, I'm happy to let them be.

1/27/2025 (Gerry Bertsch)



Above are pictures of Kin Adams, Whitewater Arts Alliance Director, and Brian Robinson, Fairhaven Director of Leisure Services and Marketing, who spoke at the January 9<sup>th</sup> reception for the opening of the “Faces of Fairhaven” exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center. Several Prairie Villagers were represented in the exhibits, as well as in those attending the reception. Thanks to Tom Ganser for sharing his photos.



And a good time was had by all who attended the chili dump on the evening of January 9<sup>th</sup>, as evidenced by these photos submitted by Tom Ganser.







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

**Rusty Kapela**

## **What attracts “Snowbirds” to the southern states in winter?**

### **The Answer: Warmer Weather!**

Definition of Snowbird: A **snowbird** is a person who migrates from the colder northern parts of North America to warmer southern locales, typically during the winter. The southern locales include the Sunbelt States and Hawaii in the United States, as well as Mexico and the Caribbean. Snowbirds used to primarily be retired or older, but are increasingly of all ages.

Yours truly is currently in his 3<sup>rd</sup> snowbird season (Jan-Feb-Mar) in Fountain Hills, AZ, northeast of Phoenix. He was born and raised in the Cleveland, Ohio area. He spent his first 72 winters in the northern states of Ohio, Wisconsin and South Dakota. Consequently, he got tired of northern winters!

Contrasting temperature differences between the northern and southern states is easier if one looks at a graph of average monthly maximum and minimum temperatures for Green Bay, WI versus Fountain Hills, AZ. Yes, there are colder locations than Green Bay and warmer locations than Fountain Hills. I chose these cities because I like them!

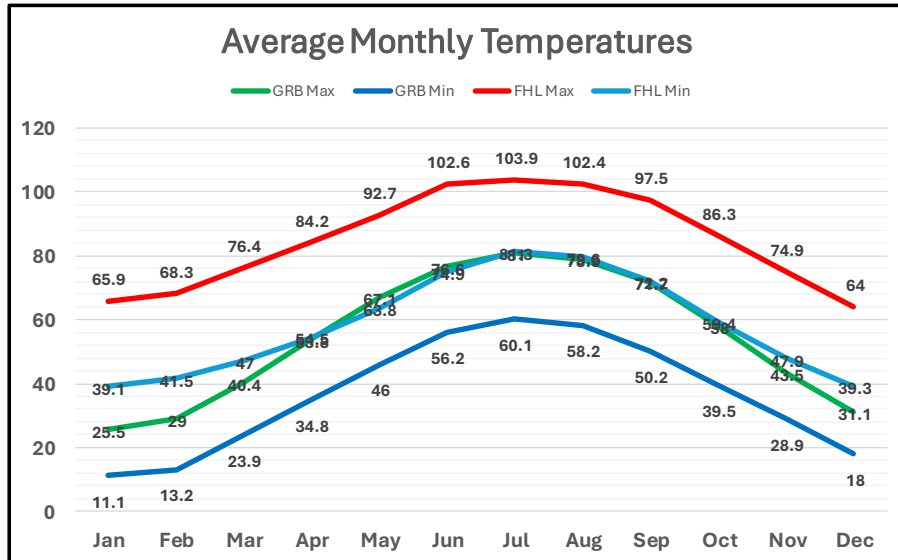


## Green Bay,

**Key Points:**



## Fountain Hills,



The average maximum temperature in Fountain Hills in winter is in the mid 60s versus 25-30 for Green Bay. This is what attracts snowbirds to southern Arizona in winter! However, there are some days in the 70s in southern Arizona during the winter and even a handful of days with 80s!

- Overnight lows in southern Arizona in winter are usually in the upper 30s to lower 40s, but some nights are warmer or colder. Frost can occur; however, these temperatures are balmy compared to the below zero readings in the northern states in winter!
- The Rocky Mountains, stretching from Montana through New Mexico, to a large degree, block much of the bitter cold air that plunges into the central and eastern parts of the United States from moving west. Thus, the big reason why the Desert Southwest is warmer than the Midwest in winter.
- During the summer it gets hot in southern Arizona with daytime maximum temperatures usually in the 100 to 110 range (it's a dry heat). So, some of southern Arizona's residents head to the Arizona mountains or the northern states to find cooler summer weather. These people are called "sunbirds."
- During the summer months the daytime maximum temperatures in Green Bay are nearly the same as the overnight minimum temperatures in Fountain Hills. Think about that one!