

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: April’s bulky collection date is the second Thursday, April 10th.

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.

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.

Please note that the **DEADLINE** for submitting info, photos, etc., for the April issue is Sunday, April 27th.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Wednesday, the 2nd -- Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 3rd -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Knitting Group (Sun Room) – 2:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS, continued

Saturday, the 5th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 8th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Salad and Dessert Potluck (Multi-Purpose Room) – 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, the 9th – Duplicate Bridge (Meeting Room and Office) – 1:00 P.M.

Rummikub (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 10th – Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 12th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 15th -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 16th – Hand and Foot (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, the 17th -- Cribbage (Conference Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Friday, the 18th – Prairie Chicks

Saturday, the 19th – Bean Bag Baseball (Multi-Purpose Room) – 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, the 22nd -- Tuesday Bridge (Multi-Purpose Room) – 1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, the 23rd – 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 24th – Prairie Chicks (Meet at the Community Center) – 11:30 A.M.

Poker (Game Room) – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, the 26th – 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. 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:

Salad and Dessert Potluck, April 8,

Meet at 4:30, eat by 5:00 P.M.

Think of all of the salads you know: macaroni salad, fruit salad, cranberry salad, 7 layer salad, tossed salad, Waldorf apple salad....there are more, so let's see what we can come up with for our Salad and Dessert gathering on April 8. And how many desserts can you think of? Lots! Hot yeast rolls right from the oven will also be served. Elizabeth will present a Hymn Sing. Come and enjoy hearing the history of old hymns and singing them. Fanny Crosby and the Wesleys are some of our famous composers. Hope to see you then!



PRAIRIE CHICKS

We will go to the Real McCoys on Highway N on Thursday, April 24th. Meet at the Community Center at 11:30 A.M. RSVP TO Elizabeth Asher by April 18th ---- 262-472-5783

CRIME BOOK CLUB

Well, the meeting of the Crime Book Club on March 26 was certainly interesting. We discussed our March read which was *Cop Town* by Karin Slaughter. Two members of the group did not even finish the book which could only be described as trashy, vulgar, racist, and cruel, to say the least. It was certainly determined by consensus that we do not need to read any more books by this author. As your fearless leader, I will be sure to discuss this with Susan at the library. We did have one member pass on the opinion--well, we can not always be reading Agatha Christy type mysteries. She is correct, of course, and this book surely was not a softie.

I was eager to meet on the 26th to hear what everyone thought of this book as well as being a little nervous to lead a discussion about such content. Many members agreed that there was not one character in the book you wanted to cheer for.

Our book selection for the month of April is *Good Bad Girl* by Alice Feeney. It appears that we will be travelling to England for this adventure. Happy reading!!!!

CRIME BOOK CLUB, continued

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

In Crime – Kathy Schumacher

KNITTING GROUP

Come join a group that would like to share their enjoyment of knitting, crafting, needlepoint or cross-stitch (or you can darn socks if you like). Maybe we could also have a jigsaw puzzle to work on.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, April 3rd, at 2:00 P.M. in the sun room at the Community Center.

Come and socialize – tea and coffee will be available.

The Fairhaven Bell Choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested, call Tom Ryan or the desk at Fairhaven. We have a great time creating music and performing. Training is available!

April 2025 Prairie Village Library, Etc. Update

Thanks! – and Bookcase Update

Five donations, totaling \$530, have been received for the bookcase construction since February 15. I know that Tom and Karen Christofferson have donated, and their contribution will be acknowledged on our eventual signage. Should you be one of the remaining donors who want your gift acknowledged, please let me know (and if it's in memory or in honor of someone). That signage will not go up until all three bookcases are in place. If you've questions about donating, please ask me.

In the meantime, we can thank Jim Schumacher for his continued work on the project and Shannon Schoville for keeping track of the donations. It's because of her record keeping that I can tell you we've had a total of \$1830 contributed since the project began.

Installation of bookcase #2 will require the picture by the Puzzle Room window to be moved to the Game Room. The current bookcase in the Puzzle Room will be moved to the wall where the red barn picture currently is. All this in the name of maximum shelving for our ever-growing collection.

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. Questions and/or suggestions, let me know.

ETC.

Yes, I am still collecting clean, unlabeled prescription bottles-thanks to those of you who leave them on my porch INSIDE the cooler.

Easter Cards Are Available

As always, the Friends of Fairhaven/Mini Mart appreciate your contributions for these cards!

Kathy Ross

Medical Equipment Available for PV Neighbors at No Cost

Call these Neighbors to Obtain Them. *Contact information in your PV Directory.*

1. Judith Moldenhauer – Canes, Chair Cushions, Walker with brakes and basket, Walker with rear legs and front wheels, Bedside chair convertible to table, Shower chair with back, Ice therapy machine.
2. Don and Jo Norman – Walker with four wheels, Walker with back legs and front wheels, Toilet seat with lift-assist rails, Toilet Seat mountable.
3. Gary Fry – a 4 wheeled transport chair.
4. Tom and Karen Christofferson – Wheelchair.
5. Bob and Binnie Malewicki– Walker with basket and 4 wheels, Walker without wheels, Portable commode, Shower chair, toilet assist with grab bars, Bed rail grab bar.
6. Sue Brey – Electric Scooter.

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Also, Fairhaven has a comprehensive list of available medical equipment for RENT. Contact Betty Schelb, Director of Environmental Services, 262-473-2140.

A word-of-mouth grape vine system for available equipment is also in effect. Ask around.

Gerry Bertsch 920-960-1306 (leave a message if you need help).

Thanks to Bob Aulik for once again cleaning out our duck houses in preparation for the ducks to “take up housekeeping” in them. When my husband Ron was taking care of this, he indicated that the numbers of eggs that were laid, and which subsequently hatched, usually numbered 40 – 60 each year. As residents may already know, wood ducks and mergansers use the houses.

Nelda Bergsten

Empathy Lost?

Some go fast
Some go slower
Others just don't seem to care, or
Merely linger to watch
Maybe they don't know
Where they are going, or
What they are doing
Some stay up all night
Dreaming up mischief, or they
Have their people do it for them
I don't understand why
Anyone would want to hurt
Others they don't even know, so
Some go faster, some slower but
The pain is the same

(3/25/2025 Gerry Bertsch

Perhaps Prairie Village residents noticed smoke on Wednesday, March 26th. Tom Ganser provided these photos of the controlled burn which was taking place on the University prairie that afternoon.



Attached is a photo I took of the lunar eclipse early in the morning on March 14.

Tom Ganser





And this turkey was at Acorn Ridge on March 21

Tom Ganser

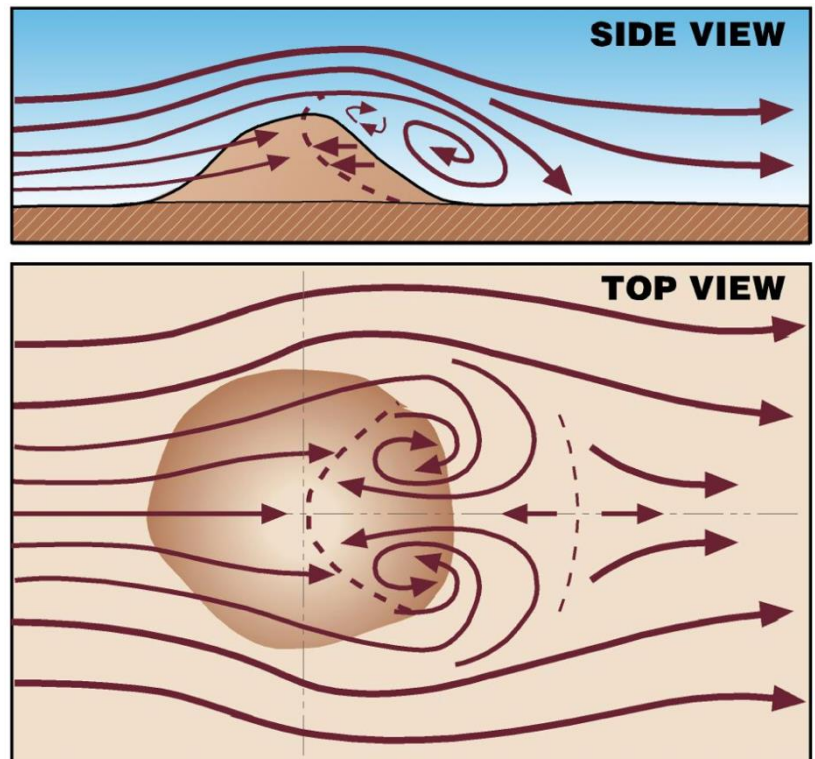
Below are pictures of the Bring Your Money event last month. A good time was had by all, and the musical program provided by Whitewater High School students was greatly appreciated.



Mountains impact the Earth's weather tremendously! Remember...they make their own weather!

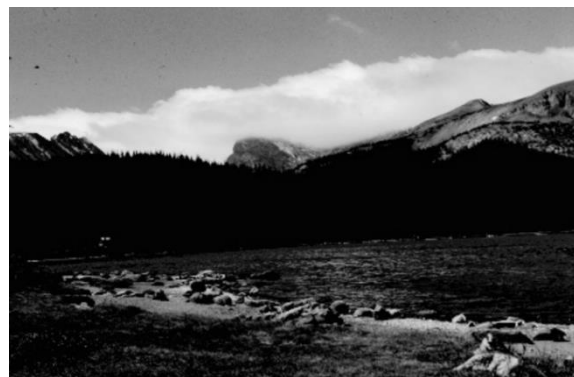
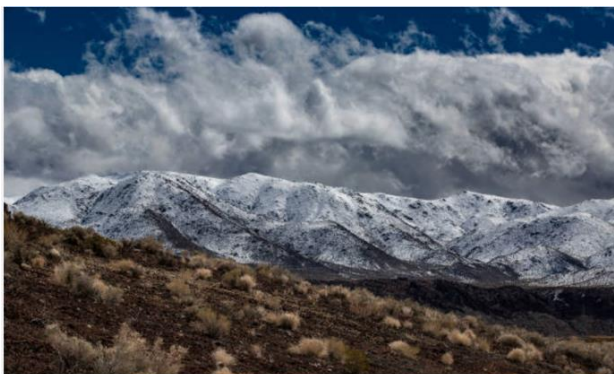
Mountains affect the weather in two major ways:

1. In general, they **BLOCK** and **REDIRECT** air flow (the winds) below their crest, keeping most of the moisture in rain/snow producing clouds blocked, at or below the crest. This results in a rain-shadow downwind on the lee side where descending air becomes increasingly too dry to support precipitation-producing clouds.
2. They force or deflect air flow near the crest, and above the crest, to move to higher altitudes, leading to wavy cloud patterns called "mountain waves" and "lenticular clouds."



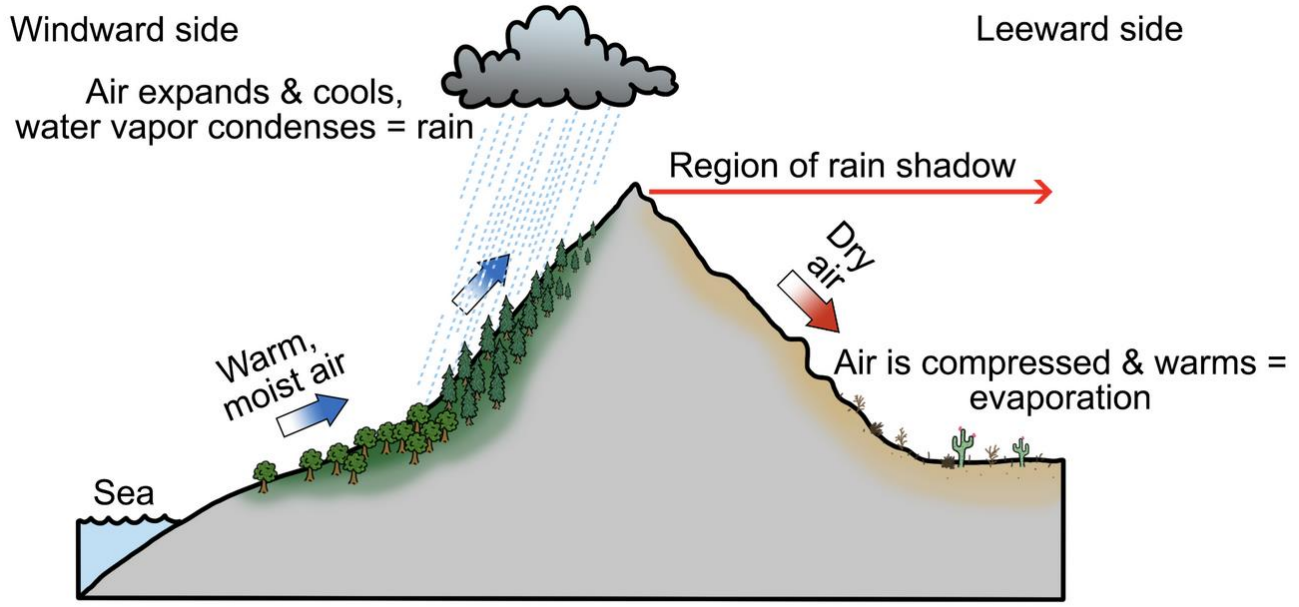
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Below are two images showing clouds and air flow blocked by a mountain range. The clouds would be on the windward side of the mountains where more rain and snow fall. Once the airflow above the mountains is past the mountain crest it descends and warms and erodes cloud material, leading to a "rain-shadow."



B. Martner photo

Below is a highly idealized diagram illustrating the rain-shadow effect.



Below are two images of lenticular clouds which are generated when wind flow above the mountains is forced upwards allowing for moisture to condense into visible cloud material.

