

Burr!!!! Several of you sent your warmest wishes last week, but they didn't seem to warm up the Midwest during the evenings. Yesterday morning only 41\*s and this a.m. 50\*s, but the sun is shining and Mr. Weatherman speaks of warmer weather on it's way.

Passing on a couple of notes: Better news from Ethel:

Good Morning Friends,

Now I'll give you the latest up date on how things are going here in Jersey. Our weather is on the cool side – in the 50's in the mornings and 60's in the afternoons. We've had a few days of rain and everything is beautiful and green. Pollen is very bad here this year and even I have had some allergy problems but that could have been caused by the weakened immune system from the chemo.

This past week I have felt great ( just like my old self) only new thing to happen was that my hair started to fall out – ( 16 days after the first chemo treatment). The Cancer Society did give me two wigs but our daughter was not real happy with them. We went to a regular wig store and bought a new one. It is beautiful and even my son-in-law (who knew my hair was starting to fall out) thought I'd gone and had my hair done at a salon. Also Beverly & I went to the Cancer Society program called "Look Good – Feel Good" at the hospital. It was so much fun – all cancer patients received complimentary case of cosmetics ( face cleaners, foundation, blush & etc ) – they told us how important it is to keep all our products from getting contaminated, how to take care of our wigs and lots of tips of how to keep from getting infections while we are going thru the chemo.

Tuesday I go to start round 2 of chemo but this should be a piece of cake compared to the first time because now we all know what to expect – I call this my couch week because aside from going to the hospital for the 2 days of treatment I have no energy to do anything for about 4 days, then everything slowly gets back to normal again. I want to tell you that the chemo is working – I know this because the abdominal pain that sent me to the ER two different times before chemo was gone almost immediately after the 1st treatment.

Hope you are having a good summer, till later keep safe and healthy. Ethel & Albert

And, had wonderful news from Larry Booth:

I gotta tell somebody. Last week I went to a new doctor,he gave me some new pills. I am a lot better. I have regained a lot of motion and don't have near as much pain in my legs. probably back to where I was 5 years ago. Larry

Isn't that great!! I'm looking forward to getting slaughtered on the courts, when I'm across the next from him. And, I'd sure be on the watch, when he spikes the volleyball.

The Gawf's seem busy in Missouri:

Life is flying by here. Hope it will slow down tomorrow. It should. Mother's Day, Big Music Sunday will be over today, Jessica,only grand daughter graduated from high school, still have two more Sundays on the Da Vinci Code study then bible school and out. Anyway it has been great just tiring for an old gal.

I just spent a fortune to have my computer cleaned up etc. So I was with out it for almost 2 weeks.

Bob has been busy everywhere. The storms have left trees over so many of our fences, gates. He still is trying to put fertilizer on pastures between showers. Thinking about turning the calves out on our back yard so the can eat his new veg. garden. Maybe tomorrow I'll get on my Deer and ride, ride, ride.

Time to get ready for Sunday School.

As ever, Marty

Had an update on an e-mail change:

Thank you for your e-mail. These e-mail addresses give us trouble , we have been having one e-mail in the winter and another in the summer. We hope to correct this. We arrived home safely and were home 2 weeks before we went on The Rhine River Cruise, Great time but we both got a real bad cold and we are slowly recovering.

Thank you for the MM Meeting news, we miss everyone at the Tip.

Also we look forward to hearing the news of the "tennis week" Your friends Jack and Frieda Robinson

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Passing on a nice note from the Fassens. Aren't they a nice couple. It's great having youngens in the Park:

Thanks for the updates, they are great. So, I thought I would give you an update on the Faasens.

We left the valley early May and traveled to NW AK for a few days of work and then on to Branson where we spend 4 days hanging out, seeing shows and touring the area. All very much fun & I think a good potential for a tennis camp. We gathered a lot of information for the group.

This week we arrived in Salem, MO, Midge's home. We spent the week visiting with Jenny's mom and dad (in the home). Yesterday we traveled back to St. Louis to see our son Andy. All is well and many plans for the summer. But we are already looking forward to Moline and thinking about returning south. All the best to our friends. Have a great summer!

Bob & Jenny

And from the "other Pam Brown" who now lives with her husband Jack in Eufaula, OK:

So you guys want sunshine lol. Just took this picture a few minutes ago so you can see how warm it is at 11:00 this morning. It was in the low 70's all night last night. Suppose to get up into the middle 90's today. Will put Jack out on the front porch to blow all his hot air up North. Talk to you later. Pam

Picture was of Pam with thermometer showing high 80's.

And finally the MMMeeting. Oh yes, wishing you a safe and happy Memorial Day!!

### **Monday May 22,2006**

Lavon called the meeting to order with the pledge to the Flag.

There was no hospital reporter, but various residents said:

Joyce Haupt is home and is here this morning;

Lila Bishop will have back surgery tomorrow.

Edna Kosinski is recovering well from her knee injury-reporters say she is walking up and down the corridors at the hospital.

Dave Sturgeon is having Chemo, and is not responding well.

Ethel Comunale is beginning her second round of treatment in Penn. and is doing alright- her attitude is positive.

Ray Pepe lead a prayer for all these folks and asked God to bless us all.

Lavon mentioned these activities:

Sunday May 28- Ice Cream Social at 2:00

Monday -Memorial Day-Potluck Lunch at 12:00. Menu features Brats, hot ` dogs, & chips . Bring a dish to pass. Sign the sheet and list what you are contributing to this holiday meal.

Tuesday, May 23- Opening home game for the Edinberg Coyotes baseball team. We will meet at 6:00 to car pool. Come out and support the team!

Wednesday Night - The Bottom Line Band plays for the weekly dance at 7:00. Attendance has been fairly good thus far.

Thursday-Thirsty Thursday will be at Rudy's on Nolana.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Bob who will be 90 this week, and Herb-who says he's more than 39.

Lavon asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in an excursion to the McAllen Birding center.

Ray Pepe wanted to know if any are interested in a ride on the Aqua Duck. Enough interest was shown that these trips will be planned .

We ended the gathering with the singing of "God Bless America".

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News: The fence around the volleyball court has been removed. Rumor has it that is will be replaced by a Cyclone fence similar to that around the shuffleboard courts.

There are signs of beginning activity at the site for the new building. Stakes have appeared, and various construction workers have been seen.

Various card games are still being played every night. Sunday evenings a group has started playing a dice game CLR.

The pools are getting a lot of use; the Jacaranda trees are in beautiful bloom. We miss all of you that are gone.

Kathie

Thought for today: It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't.