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Good Morning to All:

Thank you for sending the rain to central Illinois. We had around 4" over the weekend, more than enough to make the grass grow. Like a woman (or a farmer) never being satisfied, we still could use more.

Donna and Ken Scott came for a visit. We had a wonderful time and I sure hated to see them leave. Don't know if it was because of missing good friends, or miss having Kenny doing all kinds of "Honey Do" jobs around the house. I'm sure it was both. If any of you are traveling thru the area, just stop by, I have lots more jobs that need done.

Sorry that I will not be sending the MMMeeting for a couple of weeks. I'm leaving for Ireland at the end of the week. I'll try to catch up when I return in mid July. Wish me luck, we're driving ourselves.

After sending the newspaper notice, I received this not from Ron and Mina West, used-to-be long time residence of the Tip from New York:

Hi Pam, Thanks so much for sending the Wilder information our way...Money goes to money it seems. How are you doing? We are enjoying our park (Buttonwood Bay) in Sebring FL and bought a park model this past winter. Looking forward to returning and doing a few things on our unit. The trip from Syracuse to FL is a lot shorter than to Pharr....So glad thing worked out well for those of you at the Tip and it was not sold.

I had a total left knee replacement last Feb. and am doing fine. Stairs are still a challenge but all is coming along well. Say hi to everyone for us as we think of the Tip and all of our friends there so often.

Imagine your grandchildren are getting big. Our oldest granddaughter enters HS this Fall and the other granddaughter enter Jr.Hi. Don't know where the time goes.

Be sure to remember us to your parents.

Hugs, Mina and Ron West

[In regards to the same article, this note from John and Nancy Bielke:](#)

I noticed it in the W-H and made a copy of various parts of the article, which included more info than the part which you sent....but the part you sent is the story in a nutshell. The basic concept of the subsidies might seem reasonable, but the problem is that there is no CAP on those whose incomes already are in the stratosphere, and would absolutely not suffer from a reduction or elimination of this for those in the wealthy category.

Wilder is a relative newcomer to the Nebraska area (the land is not in the panhandle, but in the Southwest corner of the state), having made most of the purchases since 1999, and most of it more recent than that. He also owns a large amount of land in Colorado. This article surfaced in the W-H for two reasons: (1) Nebraska has curtailed the water supply severely in this part of the state, limiting what can be taken from streams and also from underground, and (2) Wilder is one of the largest recipients of farm subsidies in the entire U.S.

And, you are right....he still needs the money from us poor TOT people.

Nancy and I are fine. We have nothing exciting to report....no big trips so far....however, Nancy wants to go to the Two-Cylinder Expo in Waterloo, IA. toward the end of this week, and she is letting me go along (just joshing of course about Nancy's interest and desire)...But we are in fact going to it. It is a big John Deere event....and I have a 1958 530 John Deere that is in the final stages of being restored, so I want to see how it compares. Take care, and Thanks for all the special updates that you do each week. John and Nancy Beilke

[Also a note from Russ and Sheryl Tibbets, we wish them a safe and fun filled trip:](#)

Hello all,

Just a note to say that our email will be shut down for a couple months while we are traveling out West.

We plan to leave Saturday and are heading to California, Washington, Oregon and BC Canada. It is starting to get warm in Kansas. We will be taking our camping trailer and plan to be gone for two months.

Everyone have a safe and fun summer, and I will let you know when we get back. Russ & Sheryl Tibbets

[I also received an update and finalization on the tax bill for our park models. This bill has been and passed and signed into effect. If you want a copy of the bill, please let me or Delores Simpson know:](#)

So there is no misunderstanding, I am sending you this Bill Analysis. You will be getting a tax bill in late 2007 that is due in 2008. You will get a tax bill in 2008 that is due early 2009. The new law goes into affect January 1, 2009, so you will not be getting a tax bill in 2009. I highlighted the effective date below in red. Giving the opposition an additional year was the only way to get the bill through. While you will have two more tax bills, this is a very significant victory, one that I never thought was possible five months ago.

[And here are the notes from Midge. It's always nice to hear who and what's going on in the park:](#)

We were so sorry to hear Ted Poponus, our neighbor at the end of Forrest, husband of Gail, has passed away up north. Ted just bought a new truck to take home a couple days before leaving. I hope Gail comes back, we will all see to it that she is welcomed and not in need.

We had a need for our neighbors to go to our unit and grab up some prescriptions we accidentally left. Ed Ernest got them took them to Kathie Hall who had our addressed envelopes. So nice to have USEABLE neighbors. I like that word USEABLE... As Terry Ernest says, "What good are neighbors if you can't use them?"

By the way I want to send this hoax information for you who haven't seen it or forgot to write it down. At your internet search blank line type [inf.secure.com/hoaxes/shtml](http://inf.secure.com/hoaxes/shtml) Or you who use goggle can also find a place with goggle that verifies hoaxes.

We heard from Oral and Joan Craig today. They spend their summer in Fort Myers, Florida with a son James. He has furnished them with e mail so if you wish to write them it is [jamescraig1@comcast.net](mailto:jamescraig1@comcast.net)

Bugs (Eugene) Metten and Don Wilcox have been keeping in touch with us and we sure appreciate that. We have also heard several times of Deanna and Jay Piskas. She is still with chemo and doing well. We also hear occasionally from Darlene and John O'Brien, and of course there are all those of you who send me such darling e mail jokes and stories.

The Elks lodge here is a hop skip and jump away and I am convincing some of the ladies to start a women's poker game, how bout that Joan and Ona Lee, Donnas and Kartha???? Are you as anxious to play again as I am? By the way has anyone heard from Ona Lee's husband Virgil? I have tried a couple times to call her but she doesn't answer her phone, I understand he is in a nursing home. Sure would love to hear more of them... Midge

[Wishing all a good week or weeks. E'ya soon. Pam](#)

## MONDAY JUNE 25

Ray Pepe called the meeting and gave the hospital report:

Mary Gray seems to be somewhat better. She is able to talk a little now.

Don Maxiner is doing well. He now is out of the wheelchair .

Therapy for both of these friends continues.

Clare Orion and Dorothy Whidden are both home now.

Yvonne Kemfer's first eye surgery went well.

Ethel Comunaale continues to do well. She has finally gained a little weight.

Rumor has it that Oscar Dempsey will return to the TIP tomorrow for a couple of weeks.

We are all glad to hear our people are getting better.

Ted Polonius passed away last week.

Al Head led us in prayer.

A potential resident, Phil Dominka , was a welcome visitor this morning.

Delores Sears's family is having her birthday party in Minnesota on July 25. The address for cards is:

Delores Sears

Glenville Trail

Fairhault, Minn

Donuts today were furnished by Leila and Richard Bishop.

There was some open discussion about whether the front gate should be locked at night while the security man goes on patrol.

There are reports of people getting in and running around knocking on doors. If this happens DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR Put the light on, use your remote to start your car horn (if possible), and call the Police.

There was much further discussion about establishing a neighborhood patrol or residents going to stay in the guardhouse while Security is patrolling. Ray Pepe will contact the Pharr PD to see what they suggest. A list is up for those willing to volunteer to help.

The next baseball trip will be on Thursday July 5. Sign up now.

THIS WEEK;

Tower Theater trip for those who have signed up.

Wednesday night dance (last week there were over 100 in attendance.)

Thirsty Thursday will be at the Red Lobster at 4:30. Larry U. will be Host.

Bowling over at the lanes on 23rd St. at 12 on Friday--participants wanted.  
Karaoke with Barb and Bob will be on Friday from 7-10. Singers and listeners both are welcome,

We made no plans to celebrate Independence Day.

We ended by singing "God Bless America".

Thought for today:

When a man is all wrapped up in himself,  
He makes a pretty small package.  
Ruskin

It was nice to see a few of our residents back here for a few days. We miss  
All of you. Come home soon.  
Kathie