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Hello to all: I wish I could say that Spring has finally arrived in central Illinois, but it's suppose to be around the freezing mark over the weekend. Of course part of the grass has grown just high enough that I've already had to mow the yard. I'm happy to say the water has receded under the crawl space just in time for the coming showers and thunderstorms. Other than my complaining, everything is back to normal here at home. (Now don't say my complaints is normal, too!)

It was so nice to hear from a few people this week. Peg Hufnagel wrote:
Dave and I stopped four days in San Antonio hoping the weather would improve up North in Henry, Ill. San Antonio was beautiful and so was the drive up 79. The only stress returning was that too many details and committees would be waiting for us when we arrived. And kids. Really enjoyed three months at the TIP. Dave and Peg Hufnagel.

Russ and Sheryl Tibbetts wrote:

I am forwarding this note from Mary & Don Mitchell.

We also arrived home on Thursday safe. We had good weather also, but very cool here now.

I often wonder why we leave the TIP so soon only to come home to the 30's.

Hope everyone has a great summer and stay healthy.

Russ & Sheryl Tibbetts

Don & Mary added:

We arrived home safely in most dry sunny weather from Texas to Ontario. We came north in between two storm systems and just got a little spotty rain in northern Arkansas and then it was clear sailing all the way to Toronto and north. We could hardly believe it. The next day we got rain and even snow but the last few days have been spring-like with temperatures above zero and lots of sun. The snow is melting fast and the spring birds are starting to return! We are glad to be home for a little while but miss all our friends in the Valley. Hope you all have a nice summer. If you want a trip north to Northern Ontario, we have a small tourist camp in Spanish, Ontario which is 2 1/2 hours east of Sault Ste. Marie along the north shore of Lake Huron along Trans Canada Highway 17. Come and relax and enjoy the beauty of the north!! Have a good summer, one and all. Mary and Don Mitchell

Lee and Mary Olson sent:

We left the Tip on March 21st and visited our daughter, just North of Houston, until April 1st. From there we went to OKC for 2 days, then to Branson for 3 days. The weather in Branson left a lot to be desired, as it was 43 and warmed to 59 the first day. With the water problems and all the flooding North of the dam there, the corp of engineer's were planning on releasing a lot of water that would possibly flood our campground on the Taneycomo River. Water did cover the first row of the campground, but we were on the higher 4th row, so was safe. We enjoyed Silver Dollar City and toured the Titanic. It was 33 and foggy when we left Branson this morning, but had a nice trip home to Cape Girardeau, Mo. Saw a lot of flooding, but everything o.k. here. 50 and 60 degree weather don't compare to 90's in Texas.

Joe and Hilda Claude are now back in Canada and wrote:

Yes we arrived home in Estevan , Monday @ 11:00 A.M. To a white blanket of white snow, To day Sat. The snow has melted, our trip back from Texas was great , it is nice to be home but look at what we left behind, Amaryllis in our back yard at the tip John O'Brien sent these to me;

The weather is nice during midday here, but we know the beautiful Saskatchewan weather is just around the corner , It is nice to know all the good friends from the tip "O" Texas especially on the tennis courts,

Thanks Pam .
Hilda and Joe.

What a beautiful picture....sure isn't any flower in Illinois that can hold a candle to those at the Tip.

Ralph and Mary Costa sent a nice letter:

Can you believe we came home so early? We arrived home on Friday about 3:15 and we were at our first soccer game at 5 PM. Luckily, we were able to sit in the car and watch.

We had a south tailwind until we made it to Oklahoma. We were just ahead of the storm which went through northern Texas and southern Oklahoma. Friday, we bucked the wind the rest of the way home.

Once we arrived home, we found that the satellite TV was not working, the water softener had quit (after 35 years), the water heater is about to go and the roof needs to be replaced. Looks like it is going to be a busy summer. Ha!

Ralph is out trying to clean up the yard and garden before the rain comes tonight. Life is never dull when you own a home.

Glad to hear you arrived home safely. Have a good summer.

Mary Kosta

Thank you all for writing and letting us know you returned home safely. It is SOOOO nice to hear from you..please keep those e-mails coming so I can share with all. We'd also like to learn how Dick Shoemaker is getting along in rehab and how was Jim Merten's test? Have a good week.

Pam

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Lavon called the meeting and led the pledge to the flag.

Connie gave the hospital report:

- Lou Gauger was taken to the Heart Hospital.
- Dorothy Hoggett is in the hospital.
- Herb Israel is in Rio Grande Regional hospital.
- Stanley Kolstad is in Las Palmas rehab.
- Bob Miller and Dick Shoemaker are still in rehab.

Connie said a prayer for all of these friends.

Bonnie Christian reminds all leaving for the summer to be sure to fill out mail forwarding cards and give them to either Bill Pugh, or file them in the Office. She also said that those who haven't yet reserved their spot for next season should do so now. with a \$200.00 deposit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There is a new video and DVD list available in the print shop. Videos and DVDs have been moved there for the summer. Many new titles available.
- There are still some pictures to be picked up
- Bottom Line Band on Wed.
- Bowling and Karaoke on Friday.
- Thirsty Thursday Out will commence next week if there is enough interest. Be sure to put the name of your favorite Restaurant in the box.

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Ruth Burda led the singing of God Bless America.

Thought for today: Happiness is where we find it—but not always where we seek it.

Have a safe trip home all you travelers—hurry back!

Kathie

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