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Howdy from Texas.....Here I am at camp Chapman in Dallas. Zee and Marvin are perfect host and hostess. Lots of fun and good eats. I'm here for a week and it's going to be hard to get all the activities in during that time, but we'll try. I've been wishing for a weather change, we've had so much rain in central Illinois. So this week it seems like I've gotten my wish. It's suppose to be close to 100 everyday. I say it'll be OK, because they don't have the humidity. I did hear from a few of you. The St. James wrote:

Howdy All Y'All Good Buddies..

FINALLY the hot weather has dropped in on us with a vengeance and it sure was worth waiting for.. It is in the high 20 c. bracket even reaching the 30s which is about in the 90s on the fahrenheit scale.. We really need rain though, the farmers especially need it, without the rain it is costing us a fortune to use the automated watering system... We are coming along quite nicely with our basement project, today we go to Home Depot to get the 2 x 4 x 8 feet and will start putting up the wall partitions then the electrical then the plumbing then.....well you all know the rest of the story, it is an on going thing.. The finishing takes the longest..

Donna and I are doing great and hope the same applies to all of you..

Take care..

Rene

I also heard from Gene and Hattie McDaniel's daughter on an update on her folk's condition:

Daddy goes back to doctor on Thursday. We are hoping for good news. Think you knew -- he had a tube put back in his ear last Thursday so was terribly disappointed. He has not been able to drive or do any work since May 10th and it is just about to drive him crazy. So he is hoping that the MD will take the tube out and give him a better report. Still has stitches in back of his arm and also on back for another week. Report that came back said it was all cancer. The two on his back was basal cell the back of his arm was squamous cell, same as on ear. Really glad they decided to do it all at once. But the doctor said he can just about guarantee more will develop and not to wait so long. He is a good MD and I will see he goes to his check-ups. It will give them a reason to come visit me. 

It is just not explainable with Mother. She will be sick for a couple of days or even a couple of hours and then snap right out of it. I was home on Monday for the City Council honor and met with a case worker at the house. She was sick all morning and most of afternoon then that night she was pretty good. Case worker is sending me a packet of information that might be of help to them. She does not eat enough to keep her going for one thing. If I am there and fixing meals she eats and starts to feel better. I know that it is definitely a mental condition too. Just really hard to figure out what triggers her bad days. Her weight was 85 lbs last checked. So I thought Meals on Wheels might be of interest to them at \$3 a day per meal. It would give them a hot meal, would be someone to "kind of" check on them each day, plus be a reason to get up and look forward to something. Daddy is not a cook but he tries (everything is fried..and on high...ha...ha). I take a basket full of food for the refrigerator each time I go and they seem to appreciate. But still someone has to fix it and most of the time it is Daddy because she is resting in the chair.

I also saw a lump (size of golf ball) on the back of her arm Monday. I asked Daddy to see if the nurse that comes to dress his ear each day could check it out. Yesterday Mother went to the Baptist Church Mission to work a couple of hours so was not there when the nurse arrived but hopefully she can check today. It was not hard so hopefully it is just fibrous.

I know they miss their TX friends and appreciate all your calls. It always brightens their days.

Love to all,

Becky McDaniel Hamilton

We also have notes on the Tip from Midge:

Hope your having a nice family gathering this Memorial (Decoration Day, remember it use to be named that)Day.. Well I told you of the strawberry eating squirrels, now I wish you would all go to the address bar at the top of this page and type <http://picasaweb.google.com/melroseirish> and look at the squirrels at O'Briens home in Il. LOL It is so cute to watch animals, they are such entertainers.

I had bad news from Bob and Joanne Buege. He is having big problems with his back (he is the one who fell, yrs ago, 5 foot off a bridge construction job. They think he has pins that are in his back are causing problems and will find out this week after a scan IF he will have to have more surgery, needs our prayers..

Did I tell you Beebe and Von Farmer are now in their mobile unit across the street from the doors to the indoor pool. Bugs and Yvonne have bought his place and will be moving into it soon.

Fred Mohr flew back to Anchorage Alaska Thursday and will not return until this fall. Sergio and Maricela (one of our maids) were united in marriage Sat. We had one of those hispanic 15 yr olds parties in our main hall Sat. and you missed a georgeous decorated hall. The kids had a security guard that kept them inside the hall, and they were all well behaved it appears.

Bonnie is back to work after trying to get her swelling in her legs and feet to get down to normal size by staying off her feet with bed rest. She has mentioned retirement by Aug. Personally I think she should as none of us are as young as we use to be and NEED that retirement time. Cindy Schouton wrote that Arvid is having more back problems and possibly will need surgery, getting old ain't fun. nuf said. Midge

Have a good week, I know I will. Pam

Monday May 31,2010

Sara opened the meeting as usual with the pledge to the flag and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner".

Hospital report:

- *Joy Ochs is still recovering from eye surgery.
- *Taima Bergman is in rehab after knee surgery.
- *Gerald Strating had a slight stroke, He is doing fine and will have some therapy.
- *Harold Phillips is home from rehab.
- *Jim Collier is doing well and can now have visitors.
- *George Carella is having heart shocked.

Tip offices are closed today in observance of Memorial Day.

Kathy Kuykendall has volunteered to lead the Sunday night potluck suppers. Be sure you sign up and list what dish you will bring to pass. A small charge will be levied to defray the cost of the meat. 4:00 MH

Thirsty Thursday will be at the Cracker Barrel this week. It is on the East bound frontage road of express 83 in McAllen. - 4:00 - Please sign up.

Be thinking of suggestions for future dining spots-there will be a drawing each Monday.

Mary Kit reminded us about the Memorial Day picnic today starting at 11:30. Bring your table service, drinks, a dish to pass and whatever meat you want to cook on Bug's grill.

Joe Strain read a poem honoring our service men.

The meeting ended with the singing of "God Bless America".

A note from Jim Raabe-Della Hatfield is still having trouble with her husband Dave. She is leaving on June 4. The last time she left him alone, he went around the Park asking to borrow money. Some lent it to him because they felt he might rob them otherwise. This information came to me from Della's sister, Barbra.

After some discussion this morning it is suggested that- 1-Do not let him in.

2-Call the Pharr police-then TIP security.

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