

Pam's Notes - 5/14/2020

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11:40 AM (1 hour ago)

Good Morning

Well let's hope that opening our country isn't too soon and this note finds you home and safe.

Not too much happening here at the Tip. We are enjoying the pool and outside activities. There is a coffee clutch that meets to discuss the day's happenings. Gentlemen were told only those in attendance wore bras. Bill Kimber gave them all a laugh.

I want to inform all those still at the Tip that Irene Klanecky will be celebrating her 90th birthday tomorrow, Friday morning, at the pool at 10 a.m. Stop by and have a piece of cake.

I had a note from Lois Skinner, remember Gordie recently passed:

Many people sent me sympathy notes I sent a note to each and for some reason they were returned saying insufficient address and couldn't forward had tot address changed could you mention in your notes to thank people for me thanks how are your treatments going. You sure are in my. Prayers and miss you all there. Take care thanks

I also heard from the Bells:

Just read your Tip of Texas news, Tom and I sure like keeping up with the residents.

We're doing okay, Tom was to have back surgery in April and that got postponed to June. And yes we don't go very far, I can't even go to to the Rec Center for exercise and line dance, I'm still leading!

Our prayers are with you Pam, Love, Jeanette and Tom

Another update on long time residents the Gawfs:

Bob and I are staying home puttering around the house.

Always glad to get the MMM news.

For excitement I changed the bird feeders around. Waiting for the hummers to come back and life to get back to normal.

Miss all our old Tip friends and wishing we were looking forward to summer tennis camp.

We ever, Marty and Bob Gawf

Don and Mary Mitchell wrote:

Thanks as always for your Tip news which we appreciate getting every week. Unfortunately, we only had a couple of weeks down at the Tip this winter as when the virus broke out and was spreading we were encouraged to head home which we did! We are doing OK. Our son and his family are taking care of our needs. They don't want us to go to any stores at all and so keep us supplied with our groceries and meds and any other needs, for which we are very thankful.

We wish you the best in your treatments, Pam, and shall hold you in our thoughts and prayers. We are hoping to be able to travel down south again next winter.

Warm regards,

Mary Mitchell

I have had many nice encouraging notes. I appreciate everyone's concern. I have had 6 radiation treatments and all is well. Easy in and out with no pain. After 25 treatments I will be able to go home for 5 weeks and then come back to TX for more scans. If radiation does the trick and they find no more cancer, God is Good. If I need surgery, they will schedule it at MD Anderson in Houston. Time will tell. Thank you for all your prayers....please keep them coming.

Yvonne Thomas has had 3rd chemo treatment and is doing well. She thanks everyone for their concern and prayers.

Hoping all of you are staying Safe. Have a good week. Pam

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Pam's Notes - 4/27/ 2010

> From: David and Joy Ochs <dnjochs@gmail.com>

> Date: April 27, 2020 at 2:36:43 PM CDT

> To: DavidandJoy Ochs <dnjochs@gmail.com>

> Subject: Fwd: Tip News

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Pam's notes: There is one error in the notes in that Bug's break was just below the Ball and Socket not above it. Have not heard how his surgery came out yet.

Dave Ochs

Good Afternoon..

The office has opened up our outside activities, such as tennis courts, shuffleboard, horseshoes, etc. But we have strict restrictions for the pool: No diving, no floaties, 6' distancing.

Sharon Havener volunteered to take the first plunge.



The pools have not opened!!!!

Manager, Al was not available at the MMMeeting, but he did want to remind all to pick up after their dogs and to obey the 15mph speed limit.

MMMeeting.jpg

We are losing several residents who will be heading North this week. We wish them safe travel.

I did hear from a few past residents this week. Ken and Gloria Reibling wrote from Canada:

We were sorry that we did not make it to the Tip again this year. We had planned a summer vacation instead with our fifth wheel trailer, but that looks like it might not happen either with our countries being in such turmoil with this dreaded virus right now. Hopefully we will all get through this trying time safely. We are keeping well.

We appreciate you sending us the Tip meetings and news. We look forward to hearing about all the friends that we have made during our time at the Tip. We hope that everyone stays safe and keeps healthy. Thanks Pam for all you do to see that so many keep in touch with Tip news. It is greatly appreciated. Take care, we'll be thinking of you.
Ken & Gloria Reibling.

Gwynneth wrote:

We got home, after a 4 day solid drive, on April 17th. Customs told us strongly that we must go directly home and stay there for 14 days - don't go to the bank or shop for food or drugs or anything. We were told not to go out at all. We have done that and now twice have driven north to Jack's place on Sturgeon Lake - to get his mail and stuff. I've found a grocery store that delivers, and we are living quite well here in Toronto. We have also been told not to go to a cottage up north because the hospitals there are not equipped to have normal sick people while they are coping with the virus. What a time we are living in!

Our prayers are with you Pam. Gwynneth Heaton and Jack Robinson

Past resident, Kay Titemore wrote:

Carroll & I stopped coming to the TIP around 2014

and he passed in 2017. I still think of you and the Tip. Also I don't recognize many of the new names.

Thanks for still sending me the minutes and news.

I am so sorry to hear of your health problems. I had no idea. Best Wishes for a complete recovery.

I am staying well and inside my home. We will all be glad when this isolation ends

Bugs Metten fell in his house on Saturday and broke the bone above his hip. They performed surgery this a.m. We Wish Bugs a speedy recovery. It's scary to be in the hospital or a rehab center at time.

An ambulance was called in midweek for Matt Kitkowski. Matt had fallen and Mary was unable to help him up. He wasn't hurt and did not have to go to the hospital.

Diana Weber was taken to the hospital last week with a stomach ailment I am not sure about her condition.

I talked to Yvonne Thomas. She is undergoing chemo treatments every other week and doing well. There is relief in finally getting some form of treatment after waiting several weeks of waiting. I, too, start treatment this week. I will undergo radiation for several weeks and then go through a series of more scans. Yvonne and I both thank everyone for their continued prayers. We know the Good Lord will keep us strong.

Hoping all is keeping Safe and remembering the virus is still out there. Let's not get over confident. Thanks
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Pam's Notes - April 1, 2020

From: Pam Brown <pamabrown1948@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 2:08 PM
Subject: Tip Notes
To: Pam Brown <pamabrown1948@gmail.com>

Good April 1st Morning: First I want to reiterate that these updates are coming from my perspective and not from the Tip Office or the Activity Directors. Anything you receive in BLUE typing is my input alone. Several Tip residents drop me a line from time to time and would like their info passed on to others. The park is no longer holding Monday Morning Meetings. All indoor activities have ceased.

First the virus news. Hidalgo County reported 38 confirmed cases as of 3/31/2020. I'm sure we are just now at the start of the spread. We have a curfew starting at 10 p.m. and only suppose to be out for groceries, fuel, or medical.

Several reports from those who have arrived at the northern homes:
On March 30 Bob and Alta Hough

Just a short note to let everyone know we got home safe. It is good to be home. The kids helped us unload and brought us milk, butter, bread and eggs. Won't have to go to store right away. Take care and everyone stay safe

On March 24 from Judy Burnham

Paul and I arrived safely back in Michiana about 5pm Wednesday (we left TOT mid-morning Monday). Weather was good all the way and it's nice at home. No problems along the way and gas stations/truck stops were open as were carry-out food services.

The grocery stores look the same here as in Pharr/McAllen.

Warren and Jan Martin here. We left the Tip on Sunday morning 3/22 and after spending 1 night in a motel, decided the second night was going to be at home. We stopped at the larger truck stops for gas and they were very clean. We are doing a 2 week volunteer quarantine to protect my mother so we plan to enjoy the time catching up and enjoying naps. Stay healthy!

Elaine & I got home safe & sound. Our family had our refrigerator stocked & house cleaned for us. After we get unpacked it's time to sit & watch some good movies.
Stay safe John DeVaney

Last week Delores Simpson had heard from Sharon Branson. Sharon's doctors had removed all the cancer and she did not lose her toe. Good News.

Now for the sad news. Gary Kilgore passed away sometime last week. Floy had returned home and was with him.

Also I received word that Gordie Skinner, long time resident living on Dessert passed. Lois Skinner's address is 3839 Hart Blvd, Apt. 220, Minneapolis, MN 55421--4142 if you would like to send a card.

And today I found out Clyde Bozarth recently passed. Clyde was an avid pool player and could "Hustle" the best. He and wife, Helen, were long time residents. My last known address for Helen is: 17809 11th Street, Pattonsburg, MO 64670.

Please keep these families and our whole world crisis in your prayers. Keep safe and please let us know how you're doing. Thanks Pam

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Pam's Notes - March 24, 2020

Subject: TOT Shut Down
Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2020 18:55:04 -0500
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Just a note to keep you informed of the doings at the Tip. We are no longer holding Monday Meetings. We have had a case of the virus reported on the Island and another in Harligen. We feel like more is to be expected with the Spring Breakers down.

Hidalgo county is under 10 p.m. curfew. Of course, like the rest of the country, there has been a panic for toilet paper. Even though the area is running short of eggs and bread, most of the Tip residents are holding their own. Like the family we are, we are looking after our neighbors.

Most of the Canadians have already headed home. I did hear from Ron and Joyce Forbes and Jim and Char Waite. They returned home and have placed themselves on volunteer isolation for 14 days. I had a nice note from the Martels:

Claudette and I arrived home safely on Saturday..a very fast trip, only 2 nights on the road..How safe will we be at home?..we are in quarantine by federal gov law...14 days we will be at close quarters and get to know each other better.there is still 2 feet of snow in back yard...our neighbors are shunning us as they should...hope and pray that we survive this so that we can see another winter in south Texas..I wish everyone good health...Mike

Below is the directive we received from the office. We are trying to adhere to regulations and making others safe. It is hard to stay out of the pools when the weather has hit the high 90's everyday this week.

Here's hoping you are staying in and healthy in your part of the country. Stay in and take all the precautions advised. Till later. Pam

In an effort to protect our guests, the following actions will be implemented effective at 5PM on MONDAY MARCH 23,2020.

ALL BUILDINGS WILL AND RESTROOMS WILL BE LOCKED. INCLUDING BELOW:

Main hall
Swimming pools and spas
Laundry facilities
Woodshop
AI Barnes

Guests may continue to utilize outside facilities, EXCEPT FOR THE POOL AND SPAS. Please adhere to the Social Distancing guidelines of six feet distance between each other.

THE GATE WILL BE CLOSED TO VISITORS AND LIMITED ACCESS.

New office procedures are now in effect

OFFICE HOURS MON-FRI 1PM-4PM

SATURDAY AN SUNDAY CLOSED

IF you need to check out -someone will be in the office between 8am and noon. Please call ahead before coming to the office between those hours. If you feel the need to check out early you can also do it the afternoon before your departure.

PACKAGES CAN BE PICKED UP 1-4PM ONLY.

Please limit the number of people in the lobby and at the window at one time.

Thank you for your cooperation and well get thru this together.