

The Diary of Anna Kropf Ropp

2002-03-09

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2002-08-06

(By 1998, Ann could no longer find the five-year diaries she had always used, so she switched to one-year diaries for four years and then simply filled several small notebooks, finally making her last entry on April 12, 2004. She lived until June 9, 2005.)

Saturday, March 9, 2002. Had big rain last night, very high winds, 40 & 50 mph at times. Partly cloudy, colder. Allen called. They got home Wednesday night. Had good time but glad to be home. I did usual work. Made vegetable soup.

Sunday, March 10, 2002. Clear, not as windy, in 20s – 30s. Jo took me to church. We ate at Golden West. Then to see Pete. He was pretty good. Came home at 3:00. Talked to Arthur. He's okay.

Monday, March 11, 2002. Fair, in 30s. I did some laundry. Rested and cleaned out drawer in corner cabinet.

Tuesday, March 12, 2002. A nice day, 53°, and not windy. I did some different jobs. Read & sorted some pictures. Washed windows on porch. Allen called at 1:15. Said Randy had just called. Deb had OR on her sinus. Dr. said surgery went well. Randy plans to take Deb home after lunch.

Wednesday, March 13, 2002. A nice day. Jo came in. We made cinnamon rolls and 2 batches of cookies (12 doz) for MCC [relief] sale. Ron got home from Cincinnati Ohio. Marge W[eaver] here, brought some food.

Thursday, March 14, 2002. 30°, fair, nice day, warm. I went to B[eauty] shop in a.m. Did some sweeping. Jo took me to see Pete at 12:30. Ron got me at to: 30. He & Jo helped set up for MCC sale. Ron paid some bills for me. I appreciate it.

Friday, March 15, 2002. I went to church at 8:00. Helped with pies. They made 83 shoo fly pies. Had lunch there. Jo helping also & made several trips to Interstate [Center]. Got home at noon. I rested. Jon & I to sale, had dinner there, fish & chicken dinner. Watched some of quilts sell. Huge crowd there. Got some sausage & cheese.

Saturday, March 16, 2002. Fair, 40s. Marge Nester got me at 8:15. Went to sale for pancakes & sausage. Jo stayed home. Her foot giving her trouble. Our small group met although some couldn't come. We got home about 11:00. Marge's children came home. It's a year since Don [Nester] passed away. But the sausage in freezer.

Sunday, March 17, 2002. Cloudy, chilly, 39°. I went to church. Ron & I to see Pete, then got some lunch. I had MRC meeting. Jo didn't go to church. Her leg some better. Allen called. They are okay. Ben called. He is working at Library full-time now. Pauls called.

Monday, March 18, 2002. Cloudy & foggy awhile. Sun shone. I did some laundry & usual work. Went to pharmacy, got medicine.

Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 50s. I baked cookies. Gave Rons & Pete some. Took some to church for Conference this weekend. Ron took me to see Pete. He was pretty good. We went to license bureau to get a handicap permit. Went to Aldis.

Wednesday, March 20, 2002. 20°, mostly cloudy. I went with Jeanette to quilt. Just started. I had to go to bathroom & door still locked. No (unclear), big mess. Jeanette helped. She brought me home. So [I] missed the dinner. Marge W[eaver] here in evening. Julie got sausage.

Thursday, March 21, 2002. Had few snow showers in morning. Partly cloudy, colder, big change. I made tapioca pudding & ran the sweeper. Jo working at church getting ready for conference tomorrow evening. Ron took me to see Pete. Took him some liver sausage. Went to bank & pharmacy.

Friday, March 22, 2002. Clear, cold, 13° this morning. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Had pacemaker checked, everything okay. Wrote a note to Jeanette & gave for \$5 for helping me Wednesday. Jo busy at church. Illinois conference started at 2:00 PM.

Saturday, March 23, 2002. Nice day, clear, 50°. I finished Saturday work. Watered plants & did some other things. Conference over this p.m. Haven't talked to Rons for several days.

Sunday, March 24, 2002. I went to church. Rons & I went to Arby's for lunch. Stopped to see Pete. He was okay. Paul called while we were there. Allen called in evening. Steves went to Allens after church. Paul called in evening. They are okay.

Monday, March 25, 2002. Pauls birthday, 58. Temp 31°. Had 2 – 3 inches snow last night. Some ice under snow. Windy. Some drifting. Some sun in PM.

Tuesday, March 26, 2002. Sun shone once in a while. I baked chocolate chip cookies. Jo took me to see Pete & to [Dr.] Wera's for Pro time. Is okay. Went to Kroger's.

Wednesday, March 27, 2002. Fair, nice day, 50°. I baked 2 apple pies & made lasagna. Put in freezer. Rons here few minutes. Turned mattress.

Thursday, March 28, 2002. 28°. I went to pharmacy & got groceries. Died eggs, had baskets for Steve's children. Rested awhile. Tried to call Pete. Ron did too. Phone not working.

Friday, March 29, 2002. 46°. Cloudy, rained most of a.m. I went to B[eauty] shop via bus. Ron picked me up. We went to N[ursing] H[ome]. Jim Schrag there also & had communion with us.

Saturday, March 30, 2002. Partly cloudy, nice day. Ron uncovered roses. I got things ready for lunch. Made chili. Micks came about 11:15. Mick, Pam, Amber, Ashley & Jane [Quigley]. Was good to see them. Micks & girls to Steves awhile. Jane stayed here, had a rest. They all went to see Pete. Ron came at 6:00. We all went to Country Kitchen. I had everything ready for supper but they insisted on eating out. They stayed at Days Inn.

Sunday, March 31, 2002. Fair in morning. Had light drizzle in PM. Pam called. They were getting ready to head for home. Ron & I went to church. Big crowd. Choir. Ron sang with them. We took Pete to Chinese restaurant. Jon & Julie ate with us. Ron took us on tour east of town. It's unbelievable how everything has advanced. Allen called. They had dinner with Micks at

Amana. Allens plan to come Thursday PM. Evelyn B[early] called. Pauls called, they are okay. I talked to Arthur. He is okay.

Monday, April 1, 2002. Had snow north of us. I did some laundry. Went to drugstore. Stirred up sugar cookies.

Tuesday, April 2, 2002. Had shower in morning & p.m. Is to get colder & maybe few flurries. I baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons & Steves some.

Wednesday, April 3, 2002. Partly cloudy. I made vegetable soup. Ron took me to see Pete. Had car washed. Allen called. They are coming tomorrow. Jo got home okay. Marge W[eaver] here during choir. [She] brought food.

Thursday, April 4, 2002. Nice day, 40s (unclear) in morning. I went to B[eauty] shop. Made brownies and did sweeping & dusting. Allens got here at 6:50. Good to see them.

Friday, April 5, 2002. We visited. Got things ready for lunch. Had lasagna & salad & apple pie. Ron & Jo came. Jo brought some salad. Allen went to see Pete short time in morning. We went back in p.m. Steve stopped on way to K[ansas] C[ity]. Cindy & children took us to Avanti's.

Saturday, April 6, 2002. Fair, nice day. Allen, Rons and I had breakfast at uncle Tom's. Allens stopped to see Pete & left for home from there. Ron brought me home. Jo went to Museum at Metamora. Had a good visit with Allens. Sorted some pictures Friday morning.

Sunday, April 7, 2002. Cloudy, light showers most of day and evening. Went to church. Ate at Wendy's. Went to see Pete short time as Ron had Mennonite relief board meeting at Morton. Allen called. They got home at 2:00 yesterday. Paul called. Marj was at a Retreat this week.

Monday, April 8, 2002. 50°. Rained most of day. I did laundry. Washed tablecloth and mats. Rested. Wish Allens could have stayed longer. The Easter Lily Ron gave me a week ago is still beautiful.

Tuesday, April 9, 2002. Nice sunny day, 52°. I did some ironing. Went to pharmacy, got medicine. A quiet day. Talked to Pete. He's okay.

Wednesday, April 10, 2002. Beautiful day, warm, 70°. Jo took me to Dr. Barnes (dentist). She (unclear). Grocery (unclear) brought one package chicken. Got home at noon. Ron called, wanted to take me to see Pete. Got home at 4:00. Put chicken in freezer. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir.

Thursday, April 11, 2002. A very nice day, 72°. I did usual work. Made chicken casserole. Rested in p.m. Went to see Beulah [Roth]. Cinda is home. Did some sweeping.

Friday, April 12, 2002. Nice day, some clouds, predicted rain. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Men from the alert button here, checked it out, okay. Jo took me to see Pete. She had shopping to do. Pete was okay.

Saturday, April 13, 2002. Beautiful day, 60s. Did usual work. Alta [Litwiller] & Ruth Ann took me to Carlock church for reception for Verna Wallace. She's moving to Michigan. Appreciated them taking me. Saw some of old neighbors.

Sunday, April 14, 2002. Another nice day, in 70s. Went to church. Had chest pain after I got there. Took some nitro. Felt better soon after that. We ate at Avanti's. Went to see Pete. He was same. Stopped to see Dorothy Martin, Marie Hastings' sister. She is 96 years old.

Monday, April 15, 2002. Nice summer day, in 80s. Broke records. I did some laundry. Didn't feel good in morning. Didn't sleep last night. Manny [Oyer] hooked the hose up so [I] watered the roses. Rested in p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 2002. Another warm day, 88°, tied records. I baked cookies. Gave Rons some & Pete. Cinda R[oth] here. Gave her cookies. Went to pharmacy in PM. Ron stopped on his way home.

Wednesday, April 17, 2002. Fair and quite warm. 84°, humid. I did usual work in morning. Answered circle letter. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo came after me. Pete seemed as usual. Marge W[eaver] here short time. I went to birthday party at MRC. I fell, tripped over a walker, was sticky. Too far in hallway. Bent my glasses & cut above left eye. Doctors John S[tutzman] & Russ Oyer brought me home. Put Band-Aid on.

Thursday, April 18, 2002. Talked to nurse. Dr. changed some meds.

Friday, April 19, 2002. Fair, 79°, cooler in evening. Ron took me to Gailey's at 8:00 a.m. to have glasses fixed. Had hair done little later. Rested in p.m. Talked to Pete. Rons are busy getting ready for pig sale. Mike Emericks are coming, also Marty & girlfriend. Had shower in night.

Saturday, April 20, 2002. Cloudy, cooler. Went to pharmacy for meds. Watered plants. Rested. Allen called.

Sunday, April 21, 2002. Had over inch rain last day. I went to church. Ron took me to their home. Mike Emericks there. They bought pigs. Sale went well. Marty & his friend there. Glad to meet her. Mikes left for home at noon. Marty & friend stopped to see Pete. Rons & I stopped too. Marty's friend was flying to Montana but got foggy & all flights were canceled.

Monday, April 22, 2002. Partly cloudy, cold, 39°. Ron came to town. I had blood work done at BroMenn. Jo & I had breakfast. Ron had counseling. I did some laundry.

Tuesday, April 23, 2002. Cloudy & showered in a.m., fair p.m. I didn't feel good. Took nitro twice. Rons came to town. He took me to see Pete. Rested in p.m. I had diarrhea in a.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Fair in morning. Cloudy & rained. Storm warnings out for this area. I fed & watered roses. Marge Weaver here little while. Thankful we didn't get any storm.

Thursday, April 25, 2002. Fair, nice day, cooler. Jo and I went to Gayle, had hair done. Jo had trim. Went shopping for baby shower for Becky [Ropp]. She & Ken have a baby girl.

Friday, April 26, 2002. Partly cloudy, nice day, 57°. Ron took me to Golden HEA at Farm Bureau. He gave talk & showed slides of barns. Ladies seemed to enjoy it. Dorothy Singley brought me home. Conference started at Meadows. He [Ron] & Jo are delegates. I rested in p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2002. 59°. Cloudy, rainy day. Rained all day. I did some weekly cleaning. Rons to conference at Meadows. Ended at noon. Jo & I to baby shower for Ken & Becky [Ropp]. They have a girl. Saw Karen's baby boy. She was at Diana's. She [Diana] bought Mabel's house.

Sunday, April 28, 2002. Cloudy, windy, 54°. I went to church. Rons & I had KFC. Went to see Pete. Got home at 2:45. Allen called. Shirley has been sick with flu. Had x-rays. Called Arthur, he's okay. Pauls called, they are fine. Pauls classes are over. He has meetings, etc.

Monday, April 29, 2002. Mostly fair, 60°. I did some laundry. Jo took me to Dr. Seehofer [dermatologist]. Had good report which I'm thankful for. Talked to Pete, he's okay.

Tuesday, April 30, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 66°. I baked cookies. Gave Pete & Rons some. I rested in p.m. I was tired for some reason. I was outside awhile. Got some dead stock off my roses, but couldn't cut some of them.

Wednesday, May 1, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 62°. Had severe thunderstorm, also tornado watches. Had shower. Talked to Allen. Shirley is feeling better. Ron took me to see Pete in PM.

Thursday, May 2, 2002. Mostly fair, 50s. There are storms east of us. I went to grocery [store] in a.m. Had a backache. Rested in p.m. Talked to Pete, said he was alright. Bratcher was here, checked furnace & air c[onditioning].

Friday, May 3, 2002. Clear day, very nice, 61 – 62°. I had hair done, got permanent. They don't last long. Ron is helping Jon putting new windows in Marianne [Lovellette]'s house. Pete [sic, Ron?] took me to see Pete while he did some errands.

Saturday, May 4, 2002. Another nice day, 63°. I did some (unclear) cleaning. Didn't feel too good, tired. Rested in p.m. Talked to Pete, he was okay. Ron helping Jon put new windows in Marianne [Lovelette]'s house. Jo helping at church, cleaning day.

Sunday, May 5, 2002. 70°, mostly fair. Went to church, had communion. Had potluck dinner. Ron & I went to see Pete during Sunday School. Ray & Carol were there. They had taken him outside. Allen called. Shirley is feeling better. Allen had kidney infection but was better. Paul didn't call.

Monday, May 6, 2002. Cloudy in morning, some sunshine in p.m., 60s. I did some laundry. Jo took me to see Dr. Randolph at 10:30. He put another *prism* (sp?) on my lens. Hope it helps. Dorothy *Watts* (sp?) called. Wants to take me to see *LeRue Sloan* (sp?) She let me know still having (unclear) etc. Paul called. They were in New York City. Had nice time.

Tuesday, May 7, 2002. Did usual work and rested. Jo & I, Julie, Cindy & girls all went to mother-daughter salad luncheon. Nice evening. Men served & cleaned up the kitchen.

Wednesday, May 8, 2002. Some sunshine. Had shower in evening. Predict heavy rain. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo brought me home. Ron still helping Jon on putting new windows on Marianne [Lovellette]'s house. Allen called in evening, asking how I got along at Dr. Randolph. Rained in night, thunderstorm.

Thursday, May 9, 2002. Cleared off in morning, 63°, breezy & cool. I planned to clean in bedroom but didn't feel good. Took nitro twice. Rested. Called Dr. Wera. Stopped some of medicines.

Friday, May 10, 2002. Marjorie's birthday. I got a dozen beautiful roses from Paul & Marj. They were setting on porch when I got home from B[eauty] shop. Jo & I went looking for dress but found none. We got flowers from porch. Ron helping Jon putting new windows in Marianne's house. Jo & I took Pete to hear Earl Kaufman play at Nursing Home.

Saturday, May 11, 2002. A very rainy day, thunderstorm and tornadoes predicted [for] most of Illinois. I did usual Saturday work. Rested & read some. My roses from Pauls are beautiful.

Sunday, May 12, 2002. Rained hard in morning, quit about church time. Sun shone few times. Rons took Pete & I to their home for dinner. Marge Nester was there also. Ron & Jon cooked dinner. Bratwurst & (unclear). Good. Pauls called. They are okay. Steve gave [me] a plant. Allen asked him to get it from them.

Monday, May 13, 2002. Partly cloudy. Good to see sun. Plenty of flooding. Jo took me to BroMenn for more blood work. Had breakfast there. I did some laundry & house cleaning. Washed dresser scarfs & cleaned furniture.

Tuesday, May 14, 2002. Fair, nice to have sunshine. I cleaned 2 shelves on bookcases. Vera Willems, neighbor, here awhile in evening. Ron helping Jon at Marianne's.

Wednesday, May 15, 2002. Mostly cloudy, windy, 72°. I washed off pictures etc. I went with Alta [Litwiller] to Garfield meeting at Denny's. Jo came at 3:00. Took me to Gailey's again. The prism on my right eye wasn't right. Works better now. I got groceries too.

Thursday, May 16, 2002. Cloudy, had shower at noon, 63°. I made Jell-O salad. Went to Sr. dinner at church. Ted Summers talked about seeds & had a display of old hand planter & many other relics. Paul & Ann Miller called, wanted to take me to church since it was raining.

Friday, May 17, 2002. Cloudy, rained most of p.m. Sun came out in evening. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Pacemaker was checked at 10:30, everything okay. Baked coffeecake. Jo took me to see Pete. He was as usual.

Saturday, May 18, 2002. Fair but chilly. Nice to see the sun. Did some weekly cleaning. Fixed some food for tomorrow's small group at Alta [Litwiller]s.

Sunday, May 19, 2002. 57°, partly cloudy. I went to church. Our small group met at Alta [Litwiller]s. Ron went to see dad. I talked to him in evening. Allen called. Shirley has laryngitis, no voice. Paul called. Graduation at Clark yesterday. Marj is to get home tomorrow. She went with Andys to Toronto Canada.

Monday, May 20, 2002. Fair, chilly, 51°. Did some laundry. Jo took me to see Dr. Wera. A checkup. Everything about same.

Tuesday, May 21, 2002. Clear, had Frost last night. I watered plants. Jo came mid-morning to plant the flowers we got last week. She dug up flower beds & planted & put mulch on. She worked until 2:00, then helped Jon some. Appreciate all the hard work. Talked to Pete. He was okay.

Wednesday, May 22, 2002. Fair, 71°, windy. I baked cookies. Took some to Pete, gave Rons some. Jo in town, took me to see Pete. He was as usual. Watered the plants.

Thursday, May 23, 2002. Cloudy, 70°, had a few sprinkles. I went to grocery store in morning, then to MRC to reception for Bill & Irene Dunn. Good to see them. They were on their way to Milwaukee Wisconsin to see Frank. He is married & [has] 2 children. I did some cleaning.

Friday, May 24, 2002. 65°, mostly cloudy. Had a shower in night. I went to B[eauty] shop. Mannie Oyer here working on faucet for hose. Put new connection on. I went to exercise class at MRC. Got along okay. Shirley's brother Don passed away yesterday. Funeral Tuesday. Talked to Allen. They'll come here Monday PM. Go to funeral Tuesday.

Saturday, May 25, 2002. Partly cloudy, hazy. Clearer in p.m. I did usual Saturday cleaning. Did little mending. Rested.

Sunday, May 26, 2002. A beautiful day. Went to church. Rons & I went to cemeteries after church. Ate at CJ's restaurant. Ron & I went to see Pete. Jo had reception for one of her students. Arthur called. He went with Cathy & Steve to decorate graves. Pauls called. They are okay.

Monday, May 27, 2002. Mostly cloudy, 82°. I made rhubarb crisp. Allen & Shirley got here at 2:30. We got Pete, drove to Ropp Cemetery & on to Rons. Had dinner there at 5:00. Took Pete to home at 7:30. Enjoyed the evening.

Tuesday, May 28, 2002. Hazy and humid. Had thunder shower 6:30 p.m. Allens left at 8:00 a.m. to Mendota for the funeral of Shirley's brother Don. Rons & I went to the burial at East Lawn

Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. Allens plan to drive home tonight. Ron & Jo tied up my roses when we got back. Glad to have that done.

Wednesday, May 29, 2002. Mostly cloudy with some sunshine. Had a light shower in evening. Jo took me to BroMenn for blood work. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. I polished some silverware in p.m.

Thursday, May 30, 2002. Partly cloudy, quite warm, 85°. I washed some slacks, etc. Watered the plants. Ron took me to see Pete in PM. Jo came after me at 2:30. Pete was okay.

Friday, May 31, 2002. Fair, hot, 91°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Went to exercise group at Community Building. Watered & fed flowers outside.

Saturday, June 1, 2002. Fair, high 80s. Did usual work. Went to store. Mailed Andy's anniversary card. Did some straightening in towel closet.

Sunday, June 2, 2002. Mostly cloudy & hazy. I went to church. Took Rons to Chinese buffet. Went to see Pete. He was okay. Watered my plants. The roses are blooming & have a lot of buds. Allen called, they got home at 4:00. Pauls called, they are ok.

Monday, June 3, 2002. Fair, 91°, breezy. I did some laundry. Jo took me to Gailey's at 11 o'clock. Changed prism on right lense. Didn't have it on an hour & it came off so went back to Gailey's. We went to Farm & Fleet, got tongue oil. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went to outlet store, got 2 shirts for me.

Tuesday, June 4, 2002. Hartley cloudy, 91°, had shower at 5:00. I baked peanut butter cookies for Bible school. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo picked me up. Watered the roses for me. Jo had brought some lettuce & radishes. Gave Vera [Willems], neighbor, some. I went to exercise class at 2:00.

Wednesday, June 5, 2002. Rons & I left for Allens at 2:45. Got there at 7:00. Micks & Ashley, Pat & 3 girls there also. Appreciated it. Steve was going to look in on Pete.

Thursday, June 6, 2002. Nice day. Shirley washed awhile. Allen & I spent time on the deck. Watched the birds & squirrels. Rons went to Pork Expo in Des Moines. They came back about 4:30. [We] went to Ames to eat.

Friday, June 7, 2002. Nice day, windy. Rons went to northeast Iowa to barn tour. Shirley & Alan watered their plants. We went shopping awhile. Had pizza for supper.

Saturday, June 8, 2002. Fair but nice day. We left Allens at 2:00. Stopped at big mall on [Interstate] 80. Went to near Davenport where we met Allens at 7:30. Had supper at Cracker Barrel. We left Allens there. We got home at 10:10 after a good trip & [I]enjoyed it.

Sunday, June 9, 2002. Jo and I to Woizeski reunion. 18 there. Ron to meeting in Morton. We stopped to see Pete. He was okay. Arthur [Yoder] called. He went to his class reunion. Saw some of the Lee family.

Monday, June 10, 2002. Partly cloudy, breezy. I did some laundry. Jo took me to Dr., saw Carolyn Roth. She ordered blood work & antibiotics. My finger no better, very swollen. Got home late.

Tuesday, June 11, 2002. Cloudy, rainy day. I watered plants & did usual work. Ron got me at 5:00, took me to see Pete. He is okay.

Wednesday, June 12, 2002. Partly cloudy, 82°. Had some rain last night. I went to Gayle's, had hair done. Put coat of Tung oil on the table. Trimmed the roses. They were full of flowers. Jo helping at Bible School.

Thursday, June 13, 2002. Had rain in night, nearly 2 inches. Number of storms around. Stormy evening. Put another coat Tung oil on table. Jo at Bible School.

Friday, June 14, 2002. Partly cloudy and few showers. 71°. I did some cleaning. Went to exercise at MRC building. I went with Jo to Bible School program.

Saturday, June 15, 2002. Fair, nice day, 70s. I went to store. Baked angel food cake for tomorrow. Washed some slacks & winter coat. Rested. Had circle letter yesterday.

Sunday, June 16, 2002. A beautiful day, clear, 70s. Took Pete to Rons for Father's Day. Had good dinner. Julie there too. Rons & I to visitation for Bob Slagel who passed away Thursday. Funeral tomorrow. Pauls called to Rons in p.m. Allen called.

Monday, June 17, 2002. Partly cloudy, 80°, nice day. Did some laundry. Wrote in circle letter. Jo took me for Pro time at 1:00. Jo planted flower Pat R[opp] gave me & helped me feed the roses & water them. Also we sorted clothes in walk in closet.

Tuesday, June 18, 2002. A nice day, 82°. I washed sweaters. Made meatloaf for dinner. Talked to Pete. He wanted to know if I was coming to see him.

Wednesday, June 19, 2002. Nice day, 82°, mostly cloudy. Jo took me to see Pete at 10:30 and Ron brought me home. He & Jon are putting new roof on Marianne [Lovelette]'s house.

Thursday, June 20, 2002. 91°, fair. I baked cookies in morning. Jo brought me lettuce, spinach & onions. She went with Marge Nestor to Bluffton. I went to birthday party at MRC.

Friday, June 21, 2002. Fair, hot, 92°. I went to B[eauty] S[hop]. Ron took me to see Pete at 11:30. We had lunch at Grand Café. Went to Aldis. Went to exercise class at 2:00. Ron took recycled papers. Arthur [Yoder] called said Lola (unclear) Oesch died. She was 100 years old. I was her bridesmaid.

Saturday, June 22, 2002. Fair, hot, 91°. Did usual work. Rested. Coated some pretzels. Ron & Jon worked on Marianne's house, shingled her house.

Sunday, June 23, 2002. Hot, humid. Went to church. Ron & I ate at KFC. Went to see Pete. He was okay. Allen called while we were there. I talked to him. Paul & Evelyn B[early] called.

Monday, June 24, 2002. Fair, hot, 91°. I did some laundry. Went to store in PM. Rested. Ron & Jon finished shingling Marianne's house. It was [a] hot job.

Tuesday, June 25, 2002. Fair, 88°, humid, shower in evening. My finger is worse, painful. I made 2 apple pies, put in freezer. Jo home from Ohio.

Wednesday, June 26, 2002. Fair, 88°. I did usual work. Washed bathroom rugs. Ron took me to see Pete at 12:30. He is alright. Went to pharmacy. Watered plants.

Thursday, June 27, 2002. Fair, 83°. I baked coffeecake braid. Put little more Tung oil on little table.

Friday, June 28, 2002. Fair, 82°, nice day. I went to B[eauty] shop and grocery [store]. Went to exercise class at 2:00. Ron here few minutes after 3:00. I watered flowers in evening.

Saturday, June 29, 2002. Fair, 82°, more humid. I did usual work. Rested. Worked outside awhile. Pulled some weeds in flower bed.

Sunday, June 30, 2002. I went to church. Came home, had lunch. Rons took me to see Pete. Rons invited to John Reimers. Allen & Paul called Pete while I was there. Talked to them.

Monday, July 1, 2002. Fair, hot, 93°. I did some laundry. Stirred up cookies to bake in morning. Watered the roses in evening. Fell again as I was going to wind up the hose. Magdalena (Beulah's girl) helped me up. Thankful she heard me.

Tuesday, July 2, 2002. Fair and hot, 94°. I baked cookies. Ron took me to see Pete. Jo got me at 2:30. We went to grocery store. Jo brought me some peas. Gave her some cookies & also took some to Beulah [Roth] & Magdalena.

Wednesday, July 3, 2002. Fair and hot, 94°. Jo took me to Gailey's. Didn't make any changes. We went to Pennys, did some shopping. [Got] good dress, wine colored. Did some odd jobs in PM.

Thursday, July 4, 2002. Fair and hot, 93 – 95°. I baked brownies for dinner. Jo got dinners at Jewell, chicken, potato salad & macaroni, slaw & melons & brownies. Ate on the patio at Nursing Home. Pete enjoyed [it]. Ron fixed the hose. Will be easier to water flowers.

Friday, July 5, 2002. Clear and hot, 93 – 94°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Run the sweeper in p.m. Was tired. Watered plants in evening. Ron fixed hose, more convenient. Talked to Pete. He was okay.

Saturday, July 6, 2002. Fair, 80s. I did some cleaning. Made salad dressing in morning. I made some magic bars in p.m. Didn't feel very good in morning.

Sunday, July 7, 2002. Fair, hot, 90°. I went to church. We had Chinese food. Went to see Pete. Didn't stay long. Rons needed to go home. Allen called at 6:00. Hot there too. Paul called. They were at Andys.

Monday, July 8, 2002. Fair, 90s. I did laundry in a.m. Jo came at 1:00. Ron brought her. He got chips. Jo took my car, deposited a check for me. Went to Walmart & to Card Shop. Jo was getting plates etc. for Community Picnic tomorrow evening. I wrapped forks & knives etc.

Tuesday, July 9, 2002. Partly cloudy. Ron got me at 2:15, then got Pete. Went to Rons. They had Community Picnic. Over 100 there. Nice evening. Got home about 10:00. Nice evening.

Wednesday, July 10, 2002. Cloudy in morning, then fair, 81°. Pastor Tim Schrag here in morning. Had good visit. I watered roses in p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 2002. Mostly cloudy, had shower in p.m. I baked brownies & baked ham. Jo came at noon. My shoulder has been painful & my finger hurting. Jo called Dr.'s office, so went in. Had to wait, was nearly 5:00. X-rayed my shoulder. Julie here after work. Cleaned kitchen & rug. Ron to Indiana to hog show.

Friday, July 12, 2002. Fair, nice day, cooler. I went to B[eauty] shop. Jo got me at 9:30, went to grocery [store] & pharmacy. Pacemaker Co. checked my pacemaker. Everything okay. Thankful. Paul & Marj got here at 2:10. Had a good trip. We went to see Pete awhile. Paul went to his 40th class reunion at Hungarian Club.

Saturday, July 13, 2002. Clear, nice day. Pauls had nice time last night. Paul & Marj washed my windows. We went to see Pete, he was okay. Jo had dinner with us today. She & Marj making plans for our anniversary August 6 PM. Paul went to his class reunion this evening.

Sunday, July 14, 2002. Beautiful day. We went to church. Pauls & I took KFC dinner to eat with Pete on the patio. Nice out. Marjorie watered plants. Tried to call Art [Yoder], no answer. Allen didn't call.

Monday, July 15, 2002. Another nice day, 80s. Pauls took me for Pro time. Went to Aldis. But groceries for baking. They baked brownies, lemon bars, chocolate chip & oatmeal cookies. Went to see Pete awhile. I washed a load of towels etc. Allen called. Steves there [over] weekend.

Tuesday, July 16, 2002. Nice day. Marjorie & Paul did little more baking. Marjorie & I went shopping but found no suitable dress. We went to Ray & Carol's in evening. Ken & Karen brought their new babies. Glad to see them. We went to see Pete in PM.

Wednesday, July 17, 2002. Partly cloudy and hazy. Pauls took Rons, Jon & me to CJ's for breakfast. Saw some of my nurse friends there. Glad to see them. Marjorie did some work on 2 skirts she gave me & made adjustments on some of my slacks. Paul & I to see Pete. Talked to Arthur. He wants to come.

Thursday, July 18, 2002. Partly cloudy, hot, 90°. Pauls left at 9:00. They stopped at Nursing Home. Enjoyed their visit & help. [They're] going to Goshen. I did laundry. Marjorie did vacuuming for me. I miss them.

Friday, July 19, 2002. Fair and hot. 88 – 90°. Very dry. I had a permanent at Gayles. Went to exercise class at 2:00. Rested some. Was tired & sleepy. Jo called. They are busy.

Saturday, July 20, 2002. Partly cloudy, hot, 91°. I did usual work. Didn't feel good in morning, but better in PM. Jo came. We went to store.

Sunday, July 21, 2002. Another hot dry day. Went to church. Ate at Arby's. Went to see Pete. Home before 3:00. Rested, took nap, read. Allen called Pete while we were there.

Monday, July 22, 2002. Mostly fair. Had a shower in p.m., hot, 91°. Thunderstorms predicted. I did some laundry & odd jobs.

Tuesday, July 23, 2002. Predicted thunderstorms. Had good rain east of town. Jo took me to see Pete and to store.

Wednesday, July 24, 2002. Mostly cloudy in till late p.m., 83°. I made no baked cookies. Rested in p.m. I Ina Sutter & I was going to church & quilt, but no one there. Pete & Ron had their pictures in Pantagraph. Pete oldest 4-H member. Good article.

Thursday, July 25, 2002. 86°, nice day, but still need rain. Ina Sutter & I went to church & quilted. Have a baby quilt in frame. Rested & read in p.m. Ron set up his booth on Barns at 4-H fair. Jo brought me some sweet corn.

Friday, July 26, 2002. Had rain at 9:00 a.m., around an inch. I went to B[eauty] shop. Did some cleaning. Jo came 10:00 with Cal[ifornia] peaches. She took me to see Pete. He was okay but has some red spots on his face. We went to grocery [store]. I got ½ box peaches. Had shower last night.

Saturday, July 27, 2002. Fair, 88 – 90°. I did usual work. Made peanut bars. Did some odd jobs. Put 2 quarts peaches in freezer.

Sunday, July 28, 2002. Humid and quite warm. Had thunderstorm & heavy rain at 3:00. Jo got me for church. Ron at fair. He had dinner with us. Went to see Pete. Our picture in Pantagraph about our anniversary. Jo peeled some peaches for me. Allen called, also Paul called.

Monday, July 29, 2002. Rained in morning, sunshine late p.m. Jo took me for Pro time. She peeled more peaches for me. Lucy [Catherine] came, gave me a card & prayer of (unclear) Lora Oyer brought cookies. Allen called, wished me happy birthday. Ron at Fair.

Tuesday, July 30, 2002. Clear, nice day, 99°. Ron got me and Pete. Went to 4-H fair. Both had wheelchairs. Pete was ready to go back to Home. Jo took him back at 11:30. She then took me to lunch at Bob Evans. Got home at 2:00. Jo wrote when everyone was coming. A number of people came with cards. Steve here awhile. Marge Weaver here at 8:00. Have a number of cards. Was very nice birthday. Allen & Shirley sang Happy Birthday to me.

Wednesday, July 31, 2002. Clear, high 80s. Did usual work. Cinda Roth is home. She wanted me to have lunch with them so I did. Jo came at 4:45. We went to pharmacy & grocery store.

Thursday, August 1, 2002. Hot, 90s. I had a quiet day. Needed to feed roses but too hot. Did some cleaning.

Friday, August 2, 2002. Fair, hot, in 80s. Went to B[eauty] shop. Watered plants. I rested. Getting a lot of cards.

Saturday, August 3, 2002. Fair, hot, hazy, 90°. Ron got Pete & I, went to Miller Park. Micks & Allens got there around 1:00. Allen brought KFC. Jo had baked beans, fruit, Pam [brought] potato salad. Steve made ice cream & brownies. Nice time. Allens took Pete & I home. Micks & Allens here awhile toward evening. They're staying at Steves. Marty there also.

Sunday, August 4, 2002. Hot, humid. Allen & I went to church. Had communion. Marty and Rons went with us to Chinese [restaurant] for dinner. Jon busy. Allen & I to see Pete. Came home at 3:00. Allen on to Steves. They were going fishing.

Monday, August 5, 2002. Fair. Done some laundry. Pauls arrived 5:00. Allens, Pauls & I to Outback Restaurant for dinner. Glad to have Pauls & Amy & CJ. Rons are busy getting things done for our reception.

Tuesday, August 6, 2002. A beautiful day. We all went to Rons for brunch at 8:30. Came home. Family busy setting up for our reception. Reception 1 – 3 [PM]. Had over 100 people here & many cards. We went back to Rons. Ate leftovers. Was a very nice day & much to be thankful for. Pete enjoyed the day.