



# On the Plains

## Haigler News

### 60th birthday celebrated

Most people celebrate special birthdays on one day; but others celebrate the whole week of their birthday. This was what LaNeta Carlock did this past week in celebration of her 60th birthday. On Tuesday evening, May 6, a champagne garden party was held at her home. Attendees were her sisters Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster of Haigler; niece Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo.; and friends Sharon Raburn and Jody Crouse of Haigler and Mary Ann Rittenhouse of Laird, Colo. Fruits, cheeses and more mushroom quiche were served. The rain brought out umbrellas and blankets, but everyone still enjoyed touring the gardens, and identifying herbs, plants and flowers. Everyone shared thoughts of happiness and special years in their lives. Guests were given gifts of fresh strawberry jam, flower seeds to plant, and a miniature rose. Coffee and decorated happy birthday ice cream cake (brought by LaNeta's husband Stanley) brought the evening to a close.

Wednesday night, May 7, the day of her birthday, she was treated to a special candlelight dinner by her husband, Stanley, and her cat, Mr. Spook.

Friday morning, May 9, invitations had been sent for a garden party brunch; but the rain and cold wind moved the party inside. Attending this party were LaNeta's mother, Opal Collicott; sisters Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster; aunts Grace Adams, Velma Neville and Betty Myer, all of Haigler and niece Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo. Varieties of homemade baked muffins, cookies, dessert breads, and brunch casseroles were served with coffee. LaNeta's brother-in-law, Charlie Mulligan, delivered fresh baked Chelsea rolls. Attendees were asked to bring the gift of themselves and a poem, verse, or thought on the joys of a woman growing older. The group enjoyed many smiles and much laughter over this sharing. A special decorated birthday cake was brought by Grace Adams, with everyone having their own candle to sing "Happy Birthday." Guests were given a variety of canned garden goodies, birthday hats, and flowers.

The celebration week concluded with LaNeta and Stanley hosting a cookout for family and friends on Saturday evening, May 10. "Over the hill" and 60th birthday banners, along with many balloons and other party decorations set the stage. Attending were LaNeta's parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott; Myrna and Charlie Mulligan, Galena and Stan Webster, Darrell Webster, Velma Neville, Grace Adams, Gerald and Betty Myer, Sharon Raburn, Jody, Alicia, Angela and Jared Crouse, all of Haigler; Marv Carlock and Mary Ann Rittenhouse of Laird, Colo.; Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo.; Jason Mathews, Melissa Rosenfelt, and Mitchell and Matthew Collicott of Benkelman. Another decorated birthday cake was baked by JoAnn Tafoya was enjoyed by everyone, as well as games and piano music. It was indeed a week of celebrating for LaNeta's 60th birthday.

### 2003 Alumni

The 2003 Alumni Weekend will be held May 24 and May 25. Haigler alumni are welcome to join other alumni in Benkelman for the banquet at 6 p.m. at the high school gym. The banquet will be followed by a dance and mixer from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Legion Hall in Benkelman. On Sunday, May 25, all Haigler alumni and friends are welcome to the Legion Hall in Haigler. Beginning at 10 a.m. refreshments will be offered and will

continue throughout the day. The annual potluck lunch will be held at noon. Honor classes are the years ending in three.

### Woman's Club luncheon

The annual Woman's Club May luncheon was held in the United Methodist Church on May 7 at noon. The hostesses were Laura Pearl Wall and Irene Day. Member and friends enjoyed a salad lunch. A feed and plant sale was held in the afternoon following the lunch. Laura Pearl Wall and Helen Woods were the auctioneers.

A short business meeting was called to order by President Helen Woods. Reports were given. A motion was made to give \$100 to the Park Equipment Fund. The flowers will be planted on Main Street by the club, as they have done for a number of years. A special meeting will be held July 9 to take care of some business.

### Mother's Day News

Mother's Day was a special occasion for the LaVoine Collicott family on Sunday, May 10. Opal Collicott's daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster brought gifts of flowers to plant in the yard. In addition to giving their mother gifts; each also received mother's day gifts and roses. Helping to celebrate the occasion also was Opal's granddaughter, Daniela Webster of Lafayette, Colo. The group enjoyed coffee hour together before the flower planting.

Myrna Mulligan was honored on Mother's Day with a pre-birthday party at the home of her parents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Others attending were her sisters LaNeta Carlock and Galena Webster and niece Daniela Webster. Gifts were opened and birthday cake and coffee served. Everyone enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday" to Myrna.

Eunice Haskell returned to her home here in Haigler after having been gone for some time due to her recent fall and having undergone surgery. Her daughter, Sandra Harrach, of Scottsbluff brought her home on Thursday, May 8 and remained for the weekend. She took her mother out for lunch to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11, and left on Monday to return to her home. People are happy that Eunice is making progress and able to be at her home.

Al Zuege of Hot Springs, S.D., came to Haigler on Friday. He visited his parents, Albert and Sophia Zuege, the Richard Walls, Robert Simmons and other friends. Al's hobby is growing plants in his little greenhouse as he has furnished the flowers for the Woman's Club planters on Haigler's Main Street for several years. Volunteers of the Woman's Club plant and maintain the planters.

Saturday evening visitors of Lillian Mahon were Gene and Janet Mahon of McCook, Glenn Mahon of Wray, Colo.; and Wayne and Linda Mahon. The occasion was to celebrate Mother's Day. Lillian also received phone calls from Deann Hunt of Junction City and Kim Mahon of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday.

Leroy and Virginia Rathbun were weekend guests in the home of his mother, Dorothy Rathbun, to celebrate Mother's Day.

Richard and Laura Pearl Wall attended a special choir program on Sunday at Wray United Methodist church directed by Wendy Lee.

Mother's Day dinner guests at the home of MerryLu and Robert Simmons were the Richard Walls, Randy Perilas, Quentin Simmons, Al Zuege, Beverly Ademeit and Dwight Wall.

Friday morning callers at the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott were their grandson, Darrell Webster and also Glen Lemon.

LeNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster were guests of their mother, Opal Collicott, at the Woman's Club Luncheon and plant sale held on May 7. It was a special treat for LaNeta since May 7 was her 60th birthday and a part of the entertainment that day was coloring a picture. Daniela Webster was also in attendance and started a "family" refrigerator collage for LaNeta with all members in the family giving LaNeta their colored pictures. The group at the luncheon also sang "Happy Birthday; to LaNeta.

### Piano recital

The annual piano recital for students of Myrna Mulligan was held on Sunday afternoon, May 4, at the United Methodist Church in Haigler. Excellent selections were performed by Ben Reinick, Cade Reinick, Matthew Collicott, Libby Haines, Angela Crouse, Logan Evans, Katie Stroup, Hannah Stroup, Chelsey Elwell, Brandi Confer, Morgan Jones, Faith Stroup, Meg Peterson, Zach Starks, Cassie Starks, Nicole Evans, Sandra Evans, Paige Stute, Jillana Edwards, Jeanna Edwards, Grant Jones and Alicia Crouse.

The prelude music was performed by Myrna's sister, LaNeta Carlock, consisting of selections from "The Joy of Mozart."

Myrna's niece, Daniela Webster, started the recital by playing "The Rose" for her aunt as a special surprise. Myrna also performed a piece entitled "Come, Join and Sing," which included several variations on hymns. Another special surprise for Myrna occurred at the end of the recital when she was presented a Certificate of Appreciation made by her husband, Charlie, and signed by all of her students. Refreshments and social time followed the recital in the church basement.

### Attend shower

On Saturday, May 3, LaNeta Carlock and her mother-in-law, Harriet Brunswick, joined Mary Ann Rittenhouse of Laird, Colo., for an afternoon in St. Francis where they attended a bridal shower for Jennie Schleppe. Jennie is the daughter of Russell and Linda (Carlock) Miller at the late Rodney Schleppe. On June 14, in Waukomis, Okla., she will become the bride of Jason Elmore.

### Birthday celebrations Amber Nicole Simmons

Amber Nicole Simmons celebrated her fourth birthday at a picnic party at North Lake Park in Loveland, Colo., on May 4. The party was hosted by her grandparents, Robin and Randy Neergard, and her mother, Shea Daniels, of Loveland. Her mother baked the "Care Bears" birthday cake. Several relatives and friends were in attendance. The children enjoyed feeding the ducks which were swimming in the lake.

Another enjoyable event was breaking the rainbow pinata which carried out the party decorations theme. Amber's other grandparents, MerryLu and Robert Simmons and Uncle Quentin of Wray, Laura Pearl and Richard Wall of Haigler, Laurie, Randy, Laura and Madison Perila of Westminster also attended the party and were later guests in the Neergard home. Amber and her cousin Laura accompanied the Simmons to Wray.

The Perilas followed and spent Saturday night at the Simmons' home. Amber is visiting her grandparents this week.

### Logan Brent Klein

Trains are important in the lives of little boys, so when Logan Brent Klein celebrated his third birthday on April 5, the party theme was "Thomas the Tank Engine." The Sunday dinner celebration for 35 relatives and friends held at his

home north of Yuma was hosted by his parents, Heather and Greg Klein and grandparents, Carol and Jay Flaming. Logan's aunt, Delaina Klein made the birthday cake in the form of a train engine pulling loaded railroad cars.

Other guests included Gerland Klein, Lloyd and Luetta Dressel, Phil Dressel, Norbert and Lucille Meis, Wendy and Blaine Lee, all of Yuma; Craig and Gail Nicolaus of Julesburg; Duane and LuAnn Wall, Cheyenne, Wyo., Robert and MerryLu Simmons, Quentin Simmons, Betty Lee Green, Polly Thiringer, Dusty, Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall, all of Wray; Amber Simmons, Loveland; Randy, Laurie, Laura, Madison Perila of Westminster; Dwight Wall of Lewellen and great-grandparents, Laura Pearl and Richard Wall.

watched him shoot off rockets, for his demonstration. Megan and Kattie Ford's project talk was about their fair knitting projects. Heidi Yonkey played "Greensleeves" on her clarinet for Music Appreciation. Kattie Ford announced that the June meeting would be held on June 2 at the club house, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with Chance Hobrock leading the group in saying the 4-H Pledge.

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Heidi Yonkey, reporter

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were given. A thank you letter was read from Epworth Village. Myrna Mulligan gave the Mission report. Deb Bush will give the report in June.

Melba Harford and Myrna Mulligan received a corsage for missions for their birthdays. Everyone wrote a little note to send to Eunice Haskell. Members hope she will be home soon. Nineteen calls were made in April. Phyllis Clark was program leader and Lillian Mahon was hostess during the social hour.

The next meeting will be June 6 with Laura Pearl Wall as program leader and Irene Day as hostess.

Mitchell and Matthew Collicott were late afternoon and evening guests of their aunt and uncle, Myrna and Charlie Mulligan, on Sunday, May 4. They also enjoyed a short visit in the home of their grandparents, LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Myrna and Charlie returned the boys to their home in Benkelman on Sunday night, and visited for a short time with their mother, Melissa Rosenfelt.

Recent weekend visitors in the home of Irene Day were her daughter and husband, Vonnie and Claud Dawes of Lehigh; granddaughter

and husband, Karen and Bill Anderson and great-granddaughters, Bethany, Morgan and Audrey of Buhler.

Wayne and Linda Mahon spent Monday on Thursday, April 24, until Monday with their daughter, Deanna Hunt, in Junction City. Lillian Mahon went with them as far as Norton and spent time with her sister, Jo Lorange. She also visited with Jo's daughter and husband, Jim and Regis Ohlson.

Little Darian Mahon spent Friday night and Saturday with her grandparents, Wayne and Linda Mahon.

Daniela Webster returned to Haigler on Friday, May 2, for a two-week semester break from South-west Acupuncture College in Boulder, which she will spend with her parents, Stan and Galena Webster, other relatives and friends. On Sunday, May 4, she attended the piano recital of her aunt, Myrna Mulligan, at the Haigler United Methodist Church. After the recital, Daniela and her mother, Galena Webster, visited in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott.

Velma Neville visited on Monday morning, May 5, at the home of her sister, Opal Collicott and husband, LaVoine. Other callers during the week at the Collicott home were Gerald and Betty Myer and Grace Adams.

## Beecher Island News

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There were 65 at Sunday school with Gladys Kinnaman and Jake Stroh giving their birthday offering.

Shea Daniels and Robin and Randy Neergard hosted a birthday party in Loveland in honor of Amber Simmons fourth birthday. They used the "Care Bear" theme. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Quentin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family were among the guests. Amber returned home with the Simmons for a few days. Also the Perila family was Saturday night and Sunday guests.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Greg Klein hosted a "Thomas the Train" theme birthday party in honor of Logan's third birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons, Quentin and Amber and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family were among the guests.

Monday Violet Brown, Donna Dodge, Fran Crites and Lucille Cobb had lunch in Haigler.

Boni Osmus spent Sunday night in Colorado Springs with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and family.

Jeri Rose and Chynna attended the track meet in Yuma Saturday to

watch Mallory. They had supper with Sylvia Blessman later.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Monte Mansfield visited Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Friday Erin, Rachel and Crystal Wisdom helped Norma Ekberg, Julia Campfield and friend Christy spent Saturday with her.

Violet Brown, Donna and Robin Dodge and Fran Crites were Sterling visitors Thursday.

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## Club Clip

### Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

Kattie Ford, acting president, called the May 5 meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H club to order. The meeting was held at the club house. Chance Hobrock led the group in saying the Flag Salute. Lane Hobrock then led the group in singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star!"

Nine members, two club leaders and four parents answered roll call to "What's Your Biggest Fear Factor!" Cody Sherlock, acting secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Chance Hobrock, gave a treasurer's report and Heidi Yonkey, reporter, stated that the

news from the last months had been published in the *St. Francis Herald*.

Under new business, the 4-H members discussed and voted on helping purchase a new table for use at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. They also discussed the American Cancer Relay for Life. They voted on the Nominating Committee members.

Brooks Hobrock, acting vice president, announced the program for the evening. Kattie Ford told the members the duties of "Good Officers" for Parliamentary Procedures. Cody Sherlock had the member's journey outside, where they

watched him shoot off rockets, for his demonstration. Megan and Kattie Ford's project talk was about their fair knitting projects. Heidi Yonkey played "Greensleeves" on her clarinet for Music Appreciation.

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