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happy
birthday

- 1st Ada Pearl (Craddock) Morris 1962
- 1st Tammy Dee (Meeks) Morris 1965
- 6th Roger Don Morris 1959
- 6th Aleshia Jean Morris 1977
- 6th Tera Lynnae Olinger 1987
- 7th Debbie (Upchurch) Sinfield hmm
- 10th Deanna Lynne (Morris) Murrow 1960
- 11th Chante' (Smith) Sims 1971
- 13th Billy Holderbee 1974
- 14th Christy Lynn Morris 1975
- 16th Deborah Susan (Treanor) Craddock 1954
- 16th Carrie Ann Jensen 1987
- 19th Krista Nicole Paxton 1984
- 22nd Sasha Anne Miller 1976
- 28th Vickie Sue (Loveless) Barnes 1951

happy anniversary

- 1st ♥♥♥ Carl & Ada Morris ♥♥♥ 27 yrs
- 7th ♥♥♥ Onis & Betty Craddock ♥♥♥ 34 yrs
- 18th ♥♥♥ Dan & BJ Craddock ♥♥♥ 4 yrs

CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY

Would you like to have Christmas everyday, without the worry of money;

Well you can you know, you can give and receive; an abundance of milk and honey

You won't have the bother of decorating the tree, this land's full of colors for all to see;

No crowded malls or traffic jams; do shopping at your leisure; you've got 365 days, it should be a pleasure;

Suggested gifts are kindness and help, mercy, forgiveness, and love,

Gift wrapped with smiles, and given with joy, these presents rate far above,

Now don't you worry bout paying the bill, Mastercard nor Visa won't do;

Jesus paid in advance once and for all; gifts always for me and for you. by Ada Morris

BITS & PIECES

Carolyn, I thought I remembered how to make the craft dough you told me about. At first I thought cornstarch and then after thinking that over instant potatoes and water came to my mind and I was so sure that was it that I made a batch. I added a little food coloring and it worked out pretty well. I even thought how wonderful, if the kids get tired of playing with it, they can eat it. Really I thought that instant potatoes was the main ingredient until I got your letter today and you told me different.

For those of you interested in a new kind of craft dough here goes:

- 1 slice white bread
 - 2 tablespoons of white glue (more if needed)
- Knead until it feels great, then shape with hands or cutters and allow to dry hard, then paint; or you can put some food coloring in the dough before shaping.

Thanks Carolyn, the potatoes were kind of smelly. They did work though.

Rodney Craddock has a new interest these days, she's Allison Frances, 9th grade freshman of Anadarko.

Seems the Navy has an interest in Rodney these days. After telling me that a recruiter was going to pay a visit he remarked " I wish I was two years old, man I hate making all these decisions". Welcome to the real world, Rodney.

Erik Craddock is off to the Air Force, Erik scored very high on his linguist test, and his position in the armed forces will be to decode radio messages. I don't do justice to some of these people when I relay their accomplishments, I get things mixed up but I hope that is right, Erik.

One point in Erik's favor is his ability to keep himself detached from the girls, not that he doesn't like them, matter of fact he likes them all, that's what keeps him from getting serious about just one.

An early Thanksgiving dinner was

held for Erik at his home Nov. 23. Among those attending were his parents, Larry & Samie, sister Stephanie, and brother Nathan, all of the home. Also present was his grandmother, Charlene Oldham of OKC, his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. N.K. Rhodes also of OKC. Cousin Rodney Craddock of Binger was there. Friends, Debbie Miller and her daughter Jeannie, both of Minco. Now there may have been others attending, but I only have knowledge of those mentioned.

Erik left that same evening, we're gonna miss him around here.



Congratulations!

Tammy Nath VanDiver
& Mark Williams

Tammy and Mark were married Nov 8th. Tammy is the daughter of Rosalee and Clifford Nath and has one son, eight year old Britt.

Mark is from Rush Springs and has a daughter 14 and a daughter 9. I'm sorry I don't know their names.

May you have a long and happy life together, Tammy and Mark. God bless you.

The Craddock Connection would like to welcome Margie Gordon and Scharleene Bowens. Margie and Scharleene (love the way your name is spelled) are sisters and their parents were Ruby (Craddock) and Elmer Rhodes. Margie lives in Del City and Scharleene lives in Chickasha and I'll have more stats on these two cousins just as soon as they report in.

Also would like to welcome Pete and Lavern (Archer) Kinsey to the newsletter. Aunt Lavern is Mom's half sister. They live in Canon City, Colorado. They have one son, Billy Britt and a daughter, Mary Alice who has a daughter, Sarah Kimberly.

Aunt Lavern says her and Pete have been migrating south (Arizona) for the winter for the past twenty years, mostly because of their health. Pete has heart problems and both of them are diabetics. Aunt Lavern didn't go with Pete this year but plans to join him in January in Kerrville, Texas, where they own a small trailer home. Then they are planning to sell out in Colorado and make a permanent move to Kerrville. Hope all works out for you.

I have found out that we have quite a few relations that go to Arizona and/or Texas for the winter. You guys should be running into each other once in a while.

I am happy to report that Lon

Craddock is home and recovering from open heart surgery. Lon had two bypasses. Get in good shape before the fun and games begin next year, Lon.

Also I want to report that Raymond Johnston had some spots removed from his liver. We're glad they were not anything malignant. Raymond is recovering also.

Through the grapevine I have heard that Leonard Craddock in Washington is taking good care of Aunt Carrie and Daisy. He stops by and runs errands for Aunt Carrie and helps at home. Daisy is not doing very well at the time and is confined to the wheel chair most of the time. We hope to see you doing better real soon, Daisy.

Dan came by for about ten minutes today. He said he just stopped by to see if it was going to snow. In case you weren't watching Channel 4 a coupla weeks ago, I won the First Snow Contest by "predicting" when the first snow would fall at Channel 4 weatherstation in OKC. I won about \$50 worth of nice little gifts, which I am thankful for. They were, battery cables, door mat, snow salt, gloves, woodburning log, windshield de-icer, "The Neighborhood" 18 month calendar, and very appropriately, a snow shovel. Dan Threlkeld, channel 4 weatherman, reminded me of the big tomato contest later next year and Jay and I plan to get started on that right away. It might take some doing here on this sandrock hill.

By the way, Dan, (Craddock) I noticed that you went on to Jay's house as you said, but you stayed there and visisted for about 25 minutes. Fifteen minutes more than you visited at my house. Does he have better coffee or did he serve donuts with his?

Incidentally, Dan dropped by another time and had coffee with me and did not even go by Jay's house. Jay was not at home but Dan probably would not have gone by anyway.

Martha Craddock (Reg's better half) wrote and says her new grandson (prettiest little boy she's ever seen) is named Jesse Randall, (is that a last name?) and his mother, Martha's daughter is Jennifer Ann Smith. Martha's daughter April, has just received her G.E.D., Congratulations, April.

Regina, Reg's daughter, has made high honor roll. Regina is attending the Academy of Health Professions, which teaches basic academics plus a special health course that prepares her for an occupation.

Martha reports that her daughter,

Marly is an angel and doing well with her home education. Martha would still appreciate any tips from anyone who has home schooled. Ok, Martha, I've home schooled my children and I suggest you spend a lot of time in prayer. Another thing, make sure you allow the child plenty of opportunity to work independently. I was too much help to my children, constantly encouraging and threatening them to press on. When they entered public school they had to learn to work without someone standing over them all the time.

Jacquelin, the baby at 19 months is a joy. Wish I could see her. Maybe reunion.

Joe and Debbie Craddock have a new member in their family. They found a young buck deer caught in a fence. They took it home, set it's broken leg and sewed up the cuts. Unfortunately infection set in later and the game ranger had to amputate the leg. I'm sure the little deer will get the best of care from Joe and Deb, for as long as he needs it.

Jay & Viola went to Memphis, Tenn for the Thanksgiving holiday. They visited Viola's widowed brother-in-law, Sherman.

The basketball games are still going strong in our world, Josh's team got within 9 points of winning their first game the other night and he was so happy he said " I feel like bustin out laughin". Well, when you get beat by 20 or 30 points every time I guess a 9 point difference would make you feel good. He's gaining confidence in his team and himself. This is their first year of competitive basketball.

I'm so glad to report that we do have a "Special Person of the Month", nominated by Martha Craddock of Tampa, Fla. it is:

SPECIAL PERSON OF THE MONTH

Reginald Craddock is special because, first of all he lives with five females, which is an accomplishment.

He has received the highest evaluation possible from the City of Tampa for his job as plumbing inspector there.

He received a letter of accomodation from the Mayor for his outstanding service to the community. The citizens of Tampa call in good reports on him frequently, praising him for personal and professional help.

He goes beyond the call of duty to assist elderly and low income people, providing time and physical help (on his own time) that they might not otherwise be able

to have.

He takes care of Martha's mother doing her yardwork and keeping things going around her house.

We hold Reginald Craddock up for honors this month for his accomplishments and acts of kindness. Well done, Reg.

Martha, thank you for submitting a Special Person, I encourage everyone to take some time out and nominate someone you think is special.

Can anyone guess what has been left out of the newsletter for the past couple months? Do you know, Aunt Fay? We really do miss your little history articles. If you are really busy over the holidays we will excuse you , but don't take too much time off.

Sometimes we gotta have a break from life. I took mine yesterday, or thought that was what I was doing. I left right behind the school bus and headed for the city to do some window shopping. Upon leaving the store I ask the clerk how to get back on I-40 West. I followed his instructions and found myself on I-40 East. What a criminally insane mind he must have had to do that to me. When I discovered that I was traveling in the wrong direction I stopped and phoned an old friend of mine, Naydine Whiteside. Of course she had her laugh at my predicament but gave me directions to her apartment. All went well for awhile but soon to my dismay I was lost again. With one quarter left I called again and she really had a good laugh this time. More directions and on the road again. With one little bobble, which I am proud to say I figured out myself I finally found Naydine's house. We had a very good visit and I had no trouble finding my way back home.

Some of you I'm sure will have a hard time understanding how I could get so lost in the city. Well some of us are blessed with good sense and some of us don't know which way is up. Count me last.

I wish all of you happiest of holidays and every day of the year. During the holiday hustle, take some time out to think about the important things in life and enjoy and love each other.

Carolyn Craddock says, if you let your happiness be determined by a person, place or thing, your life will be unstable and unhappy because things are always changing. God never changes, go with Him.

I love you all,

Ada Morris