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Happy New Year

Well, that certainly didn't take long. How time flies when you're having fun. Now we can all look forward to another one of these coming along this year:

Happy Birthday

| 2nd Jeremy Ryan Upchurch | 1975 |
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| 4th Tera Jo Morris | 1977 |
| 4th Justin Ray Morris | 1980 |
| 5th Nona Marie (Craddock) Kennedy | 1955 |
| 5th Cortney Nicole Nath | 1990 |
| 10th Raymond Craig Morris | 1975 |
| 12th Dan Delmar Craddock Sr. | 1945 |
| 12th Leonard Ray Craddock | 1958 |
| 13th Judy Lavern (Craddock) Smith | 1957 |
| 15th Joshua DuWayne Morris | 1981 |
| 18th Fay Geneva (Craddock) Finley | 1917 |
| 18th JW Craddock | 1943 |
| 19th Karmen Louise Settle | 1979 |
| 20th Deana Marie Morris | 1982 |
| 22nd Rene' (Finley) Sanders | 1959 |
| 22nd Chanda Rae Miller | 1979 |
| 24th Carol Ann Craddock | 1962 |
| 24th Paula Carol (Craddock) McDougle | 1964 |
| 27th Roni Marie Kolling | 1989 |
| 28th William Leon Craddock | 1943 |
| 30th Steven John Kennedy | 1977? |
| 31st Kelly Ann (Loveless) Jenson | 1963 |
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And some of us for another one of these:

Happy Anniversary

13th * Fay & Aubry Finley * 58 sweet years 23rd * Donald & Paula McDougle * ten years 28th * Marty & Tammy Morris * nine years

Incidentally, there was an accidental misprint in last month's letter. The year of my birth was listed as 1962. That was incorrect, that wasn't my birth year at all. Sorry bout that little error in the letter. Ha Erik is lonely and has asked his mom to pass his address around. Please write to him: AB Craddock, Erik V. 444-70-1154, PSC #3 SQ 3706 FLT 063, Lackland AFB, TX 78236-5360.

Erik left for basic training Dec 2nd. After basic, Jan 10th he will be going to Monterey, Calif for 12 months of schooling. He will be training to be a Cryptologic Linquist Specialist. After completion of training he will be stationed at Foodfellow AFB in Texas. Erik would appreciate hearing from you.

Samie has suggested that we take prayer requests. Good idea, Samie. So if any one has a prayer request let us know and we'll get the whole family praying about it. And we'll do it every month if we get requests every month.

SPECIAL PERSON OF THE MONTH

Steven Van Craddock is my selection for the Special Person of the month. Steve has overcome some big problems with flying colors. Steve and his wife Nikol, and his 5 month old baby daughter Shelby Lynn, live in Eakly, Ok. He is proving to be an excellent little daddy. He tried to illustrate his diaper changing ability but alas #2 was a bit much for him that day. However I have no doubt that he is capable. Steve works at the Eakly Co-op to support his family, and very hard I might add. He stopped by our house a few times during cotton season and only had a little time off because of wet weather. Steve said he had been working many long hours and had the flu to boot. Steve I think you are a terrific Husband, Father and nephew and I commend you for doing such a good job of it. Sorry you didn't get to deer hunt.

Speaking of deer (not loud enough for Joe Bob to hear tho) did anyone get their quarry? Carl didn't. Continuity is the key word for 1992. Keep on trucking, keep your faith in God.

I guess New Year Resolutions are in order. Mine will be to hope that I can be more yielded to God's will.

Not long ago I was analyzing myself and asking did I have any wisdom, I concluded that indeed I did have wisdom but only failed to use it. Laugh, that's a joke.

Somewhere along the line this year, I became aware of a change in my speech. Don't know when, don't know where, but a transition took place sometime. My kids have been scolded many times for saying "bad" when it was evident they really meant "good". Help me, but I think the Houston Oilers and the Dallas Cowboys are "bad" this year.

Carl says I have been putting my underwear in his dresser drawer a lot lately. He thought I was just making a mistake at first but now says he is getting confused as to which drawer is his and wondering if his mind might be slipping.

I have truly enjoyed writing the newsletter another year and just want to thank each and every one of you for your support and encouragement. Love hearing from ya. I received many Christmas Cards and letters last month and thank you for them.

Among the letters was one from Rosalee Nath. She said she has some documents showing our great-grandfather, David W. Craddock was enrolled on Oct 10, 1863 at Har Co. Ky as a private in Company A, 30 Regiment and was mustered out with Company as Pvt, April 1865. She said the document is stamped "War Department; Washington, DC. Rosalee remarked " Guess this proves he fought the for the Northhope this doesn't "rile" any of our "southern cousins". Surely not, Rosalee.

Rosalee also said she "might" make copies of the document for those attending Family Reunion 1992.

Also got a card from Leonard and Daisy, it was dated Dec 13 and Daisy noted that it was also Friday, however the card was in very good shape.

Leonard, I hope you make it through the jury duty all right.

Joe and Debbie are here for a couple of days. They are working at Lawton, along with Jay.

Joe was telling us about the wildlife they have in their area, but was having some trouble identifying one animal which he described as a "hog-nosed rat" Debbie explained to him that it was a mole. We had quite a laugh until Joe announced that he didn't have to stand for that kind of treatment, and left the room. That's ok, Joe, we have hog-nosed rats here too. Joe also claims to have flying squirrels on his place.

Kiddo's Larry and Linda Morris from Seminole, Tx came for one day around Thanksgiving. We enjoyed them and baby daughter, April but missed the boys, Justin and Brandon who stayed in Texas.

When they were ready to leave the whole household hunted for April's pacifier, April kept insisting it was in the bathroom, toddling to the door and pointing, we feared it had gone down with the flush and finally gave up the hunt. Linda, I just want you to know that you should have looked a third time, under my desk. When I did some earnest cleaning there I found it behind the leg.

Dale and Dee Morris, kids from Alma, Ark, came for one day (what's this one day business?) around Christmas. We enjoyed having them but missed Joe, who did not come but preferred to stay near his girlfriends. Joe, I know you are getting big even if I don't get to see you.

For those of you who are Archer connected you may soon be getting an "Archer Connection" Aunt Lavern asked if I would mind if they scabbed off my newsletter and started the Archer one. I love the idea and wish other branches would sprig out. I love hearing family news. I tried to get Dale to start a "Morris Mentions or Memories" Someone should. Judy Smith could do that too if she would.

Today, Jan 2, 1992 the big yellow school bus came after a long vacation and the kids were back in school. After I cried a while, I decided to take the day and go see Aunt Fay and Uncle Aubry. As I went through Anadarko I stopped by to see if Cousin Sue Ann wanted to go along. She did.

Aunt Fay was still a bit under the weather having been sick with a cough and congestion for about two weeks but she still managed to have some jokes to tell and after having a hamburger we went and took pictures of the house Grandpa Lon had built. (Roy, I am copying from your idea. My daughter-in-law Linda is a very talented artist and she is going to paint a picture of the house from the photos.) Aunt Fay and I were too chicken to get out of the car and face the two big dogs in the yard, Sue

got some good pictures (I hope) from inside Archers and familys of all names to be there the car though. I really enjoyed the visit, too. Everyone is invited, the more the Uncle Aubry gave me some of his green merrier. All my kids, you better be there, anians. When Jash found out I visited This is a taxing time of year for me, as I without him he said "you couldn't have gone too prepare income tax returns, so I suppose there without me , I could have helped r I need to get out of 1991 and into 1992. Uncle Aubry get the onions." I promised to U Hopefully the next few months will be busy take him soon. He loves visiting your home. $\overline{\mathbf{y}}$ ones for me.

Sue made the conventional "go on a 5 We've had our ups and downs this diet" New Year Resolution for her and Max 9 year, with lots of downs but through it all but she is having trouble keeping Max to her v God has been present with us and we were resolution. Now she did have one tiny piece S always able to see many people around us

your letter but everyone here (Uncle Gilbert ⁹ to have an abundance of family and friends. included) wants to know , what Kevin and ? The highlight of 1991 was the family Angel named their baby and the exact birth reunion and I am looking forward to it again date and what brother, there are nine δ this year and I hope that everyone will be others, visited during Thanksgiving. You - able to come this year. We need you. know we can't stand not knowing the . Well I guess it's about time to wrap up details about such stuff. Will you please this newsletter and go to the press with it. clarify that for us?

to Japan for a 3-year stretch. We know < our letter. Ideas, news columns, recipes, someone named Jennifer who will really weddings, births, poems, jokes, lies (as long as miss him and the feeling is mutual. The rest z they don't hurt, humiliate, or slander of us will miss seeing you around too, Pete & anyone), prayer requests, special person Don't forget to write once in a while.

yesterday and brought him and his Mike QMoore baseball cards home with us. Later I took the boys and their cards to Eakly, ¹ love is from God; and everyone who loves is where Mike Moore, born and raised in Eakly "born of God. and now a pitcher for the Oakland A's, was The one who does not love does not signing autographs. They were happy to know God, for God is love. get their cards autographed . A

holidays and says he loves all and he and Son into the world so that we might live Betty will be coming in May or June. _ through Him. Lonnie, please try to make that June 21st, $\gtrsim \oplus$ that's Reunion time. Be sure to bring your o but that He loved us and sent His Son to be guitar. We are looking forward to seeing $\frac{1}{2}$ the propititation for our sins. you then.

Everyone needs to start thinking ^I ought to love one another. about plans to come to the reunion. Onis, 2 you and Betty please try to come to the we love one another, Goo reunion this year. Reg and Dave are coming ? His love is perfected in us. I think, and if you and Lonnie come then all I of the "Van Craddock Kids " will be together _ and He in us, because He has given us of His at once. Betty, make some arrangements, & Spirit. we want ya'll to come. We'll have lots of picking and singing (and eating) and then that the Father has sent the Son to be the we'll have pitch tournaments while Saviour of the world. everyone is here. We can't let Dan take this zropny the ord time, others are good too.

started to get out but Aunt Fay and In We're looking forward to all the other fearing for her life begged her out of it. We w Craddocks and Morrises and Finleys and

of pecan pie with her hamburger but she v that did not have the blessings that we did. left a small bite of it on her plate. Good girl. We our thankful for our health, our home, Gay, we were all very pleased to get 2 the health of our children. We are thankful

>> Let me hear from more of you out there. Pete Black, serving in the USN has gone Surely someone has some kind of news for Li nominations, graduations, achievements of Josh and I went after Nathan most any kind. Come on you guys, give. ****

Beloved, let us love one another, for

By this the love of God was manifested Brother Lonnie called during the o in us, that God has sent His only begotten

In this is love, not that we loved God,

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also

No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and

By this we know that we abide in Him

du Maries

love always,