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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
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

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 Linguist 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 North-hope 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

