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Well, here we are again and things are happening at the same mind boggling rate as they were last month so forget any promises that any of you may have thought I made about getting the newsletter out on time this month.

I had a phone call from "the best looking cousin" I have. Needless to say it was Ansel Finley. He thanked me for the newsletter and says he will most definitely be at the reunion June 27th this year and is going to go away with the horseshoe trophy this year. He said the B in Lonnie B stands for nothing but beat bad. Do you accept that challenge, Lonnie? Ansel also says to tell Roger Morris, (last year's champ who said to tell everyone else that they would have a chance this year because he would not be able to attend the reunion) that he believes Roger just pulled out because he knew Ansel would be there this year. Ain't it gonna be fun this year?

I received a very nice get well card to both Carl and I (I had a touch of phewmonia, it's either that or the dictionary and I just don't have the time to look up words right now) from Debbie Craddock's mother, Marjorie Treanor in Iowa. Thank you very much, Marjorie, I appreciate your contribution and encouraging words. We would enjoy having you come to the reunion. We have lots of fun.

Carl is getting around a little better these days and able to put some weight on his feet. He is going to have surgery again next week. He has to have a tissue transplant to his foot because of tissue that died and left a tendon in his foot exposed. He will be going to Oklahoma Memorial at OKC for that and will have to stay 3-5 days. We hope this will be the last surgery.

Daisy and Leonard, How are the two of you doing? I know it's hard for you to write but I would like to hear how Daisy is healthwise and how things are going for ya.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1st Kathryn Gail (Craddock) Douglas 1954
- 3rd Jesse Randall 1991
- 5th Pamela Paulette (Moore) Morris 1961
- 10th April Marie Craddock 1972
- 15th Cynthia Ann Upchurch 1956
- 15th Kaci Nicole Upchurch 1980
- 16th Kenneth L Barnes 1953
- 16th April D' Lynne Morris 1990
- 17th Leonard Edwin Craddock 1928
- 19th Carl Martin Morris 1965
- 25th Peter Ray Black 1973
- 26th Dale Edwin Morris 1957
- 26th Dan Delmar Craddock Jr 1965
- 26th Kandice Marie Craddock 1989

Happy Anniversary

- 8th Quentin & Laurie Brent 3 Yrs
- 17th Roger & Pam Morris 13 Yrs



Here I go hopping from one thing and back to another but I have to write what I have on my mind at the time or it may be gone forever and to put everything in order, well that's out of the question.

Anyway I just wanted to remind everyone that help is needed to make the Reunion fun. If you have any suggestions, please suggest, and be willing to oversee that particular thing. The children desperately need some scheduled events and someone to engineer them. We also need some planned events for the older children. By the way the standing rules for the Pitch Tournament concerning age is 12 years and older. Sorry Nathan and Josh, next year. Anyway the Pitch Games will not be the same day as the Reunion. Dan said to keep that a secret until the last minute to cut down on competitors. Ha Ha, just teasing. We just don't know yet but think it may be June 28th at Binger Community center from 2: PM until when.

Another thing I want to mention is prizes for drawings. If anyone has anything laid back in their closet or attic that they

probably will never use and that would make a nice gift for a drawing or a winning prize, it would be much appreciated if you would get it out and donate it.

Aunt Fay suggests that everyone bring an article to be auctioned such as an heirloom or something they just don't want anymore. Things handmade by family members would be great. The money will be used to pay for the building and buy trophies and prizes. Bring an article to sell.

I received a nice card from Aunt Lavern today. I was sorry to hear that her husband Pete has been ill and was in the VA Hospital in Kerrville for two weeks, he had congestive heart failure. Aunt Lavern says he is still weak but gaining strength back everyday. We will be praying for both of you.

SPECIAL PERSON OF THE MONTH

The Special Person Honors for this month go to a person who has become very special in my life the past few years.

None other than Gilbert Archer, one of my very favorite Uncle's and my late mother's oldest brother, out of proper respect I won't say just how old.

Uncle Gilbert has always been a strong, determined, and diligent person. Helpful and kind-hearted to others. Humorous at times but serious when the situation called for soberness.

I'm thankful for Uncle Gilbert and think he deserves to be the "Special Person of the Month."

I guess spring training for the football players has already begun. Well anyway it has for Erik Craddock, so has the injuries.

Erik broke his wrist a few weeks ago while playing football. Hope you have a speedy recovery Erik, sorry bout that.

Got a letter from Daisy and Leonard a few days ago (they did write) and we were thrilled to hear they are coming to the family reunion. Now, Ansel that may be some competition for you in the horseshoe contest, if I remember correctly ole Leonard is pretty salty at that.

Daisy don't worry about the heat you and I can sit inside where it's cool and guard the food. Ha ha

By the way, Carl said to tell you he doesn't eat three sandwiches at a time anymore. He doesn't burn that much energy since he isn't working.

Rodney Craddock and Jared Morris (grandson) must have been pecked by chickens, both of them have chicken pox.

Incidentally, Rodney Craddock made Valedictorian of the 92 Senior Class at Binger-Oney High School and not Salutatorian.

Steven Murrow (Alva third-grader and a grandson) came in 1st place in the high jump, tying the record. He also won 3rd in the 440 yard dash and 5th in the 220 yard dash. Right on, Stevie.

Little sister, Tessa (granddaughter) did not win but gets notable mention for her high rate of speed in the relay race. She ran so fast her feet were smoldn' and some of the rubber may have actually been worn off her shoes.

Down New Mexico way Shane Morris (another grandson) has been practicing music with some local boys and trying to get a band together. Shane is makin some good sounds on the keyboard.

Little brother, Cory (another grandson too) spends all of his waking hours on his bicycle.

Leonard Craddock (Reg's boy) caught an 8 lb pike at Chickasha lake last week.

Brandon Morris of Seminole Texas (more grandsons) has made "Student of the Month" and brother Justin is doing pretty good too, at least where the girls are concerned, proud of ya boys. As for little sister, April, well she tried to drown the neighbors puppy in the pool but didn't quite get the job done.

Daylin Farrow (yet another grandson) spent Easter week-end in Alva with his mom, Lynne Murrow.

Jeremy Morris (yeah he's one too) is finally catching chicken pox from his brother Jared after two weeks of insisting he wasn't going to have them. He told me he is going to the zoo tomorrow anyway.

Roger Morris (son, not grandson) is doing great at his new job in Terre Haute. He is a security guard and won the title of Expert in some of their gun training.

Congratulations to Viola Ladd. I heard by the grapevine that she got married. Now I think I better wait until I get facts to say more about it, I could speculate as to who the groom is but I would sure hate to get it all wrong.

Things are not going so well for everyone. A few weeks ago Judy Smith's (Reg's daughter) house burned along with all of her belongings. Judy and her three

children lost all they owned except for what they were wearing. Judy is staying with her mother for now but will soon be moving into a trailer house. If anyone has any household items they do not need, towels, sheets, dishes, a stick of furniture or an extra TV, anything it would be very nice of ya to donate it to Judy and family. Judy wears size 3 or 5 in clothing (I think) daughter Mandy probably needs about a size 12, Aaron could wear size 9 or 10 slim jeans and 10 or 12 shirt, Dusty would wear about size 3 to 5. If anyone has anything, contact me at 656-9241 and I'll see that it gets picked up and delivered to Judy and the Lord will surely bless you for it.

Got a phone call from a long lost niece tonight, well she hasn't really been lost but I haven't seen or heard from her in about 5 years. Kim Mann (Dave & Gay's daughter) called to inform me that her and husband John, daughter, Shannon who is nine and son (it's pitiful but I don't know his name) he's two, sister, Laurie and her husband Quinton all plan to come to the reunion (and maybe brother Glen). Kim said to tell you, Lynne that you had better be there, Randy too.

Dave and Gay we're lookin forward to seeing you guys there too.

We are really gonna have some fun this year. Onis, Josh said that he wants you and Aunt Betty to come for the reunion this year and he wants you to do your dance again like you did a couple of years ago. I second the motion.

We need lots of entertainment so plan to sing or dance or whatever you do best. Leonard Craddock (Sr. Leonard) is gonna have to sing "The Preacher and the Bear".

If someone could bring some volley ball nets and balls for the teenagers they might enjoy doing that. Whatever you can think of to contribute to our fun and games will be greatly appreciated and it takes more than two or three people to participate to make a successful reunion.

We need someone to sort of make announcements and help with the drawings and awards and trophies and such. So if you would be willing to help let us know before the 27th. Help!

Be sure to bring some good things to eat. We're gonna have a prize for the best dish prepared. Eaters will be the judges.

Dave we are looking forward to you and Gay being here again and I know you don't live in Florida anymore but could you bring some more of those lottery tickets for

prizes? I thought that was pretty neat, the prospect of winning millions of dollars. It's gonna be fun having a chance to beat you at pitch again. We can't let Dan win again, no.

Angie Wall, I require that you be at the reunion this year, yes I know you came last year but I haven't heard from you in quite some time and I just want to remind you that I miss seeing you and since Kim and Laurie (and Lynne) are going to be there you must come also.

Others we hope to see at the reunion are Larry & Linda Morris, Chuck & Judy Morris and Dale & Dee Morris.

Well I'm gonna do it to ya'll again, I have to combine two newsletters into one so I'll just put May birthdays and anniversaries in here too. Forgive me and maybe someday.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Angela Rose (Craddock) Wall 1966
- 5th Samie Dee Lauray(Lynch)Craddock1953
- 7th David Glen Craddock, Jr. 1963
- 10th Margie (Rhodes) Gordon 1922
- 13th Laura Kay Bowes
- 14th Nickol (Conant) Craddock
- 17th Aaron Gregory Craddock 1990
- 25th Brandy Lynn Foster
- 25th Jared Dean Morris 1983
- 25th Allen Ray Craddock 1988
- 26th Leesa Lyn Morris 1979
- 30th Roy Glen Crutchfield
- 30th Thomas DeWayne McIntosh 1973
- 30th Brandon Lee Morris 1982

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Kory & Kelly Jensen 7 Yrs.
- 29th Larry & Samie Craddock 21 Yrs

Well it's time to go, so everyone take care and be kind to each other and show up for the reunion. I love ya all and am looking for perfect attendance. (Doug & Darlene Craddock have said they will be there too.)

And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Love, Ada