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Well, it's April again! Weren't we here just a few months ago?

Our reunion is just around the corner. Is everyone getting ready?

In the past, I and a couple of my sisters have always bought the door prizes and trophies. (with the Craddock Reunion Fund money, not our own) This year I think we need to extend an invitation to all of you to partake in this, it is fun, too. So, anyone who would like to be on the "Buying Committee" please step forward and say so. If we have 100 volunteers, then we'll have 100 on our committee. We'll all get together and pick out trophies and come up with ideas for prizes. If no one volunteers then you just have to accept whatever I come up with, and I have all the fun too.

This year as in the past we need someone to be in charge of the children and the children's games. Some of you young adults need to do this. The elderly, such as I, cannot match their energy, and should be inside drinking ice tea while they play their games. Ha Ha. Don't forget there will be trophies and prizes for them too. Whoever takes this job on, should let us know what kind of trophies and prizes we need to buy.

Lonnie Craddock has volunteered to be in charge of the horseshoe contest, and Dan said he doesn't want to be in charge of the fishing this year, so we need a volunteer to write up the fishing rules, and quickly, so we can print them in the May newsletter.

Last year, Keith Finley suggested that we might want to have our meal catered. Let's take a vote, ok? It doesn't make me any difference, but some might object. You'll find a ballot included in the newsletter. Please take the time and trouble to fill it in and mail it back. Of course we'll go along with the majority. The only qualifications for voting is that you must be planning to attend. Anyone caught voting and not attending will be barred

from future elections? Ha ha. Only one vote per adult family member, two can use the same ballot.

Any other ideas, suggestions or volunteers towards making this a memorable day will be welcomed.

Congratulations to Nathan Craddock! He made it to the finals in Chickasha with his piano recital. If you ever get the chance, be sure to let Nathan play for you, he can really make those ivories sound good.

Thanks to Dan, he took the martin house down for me. I ask him if he knew that I would want him to put it back up again in a few weeks when the martins came and he said, "yeah, I figured that."

I got a letter from Linda, one of Onis & Betty's daughters. She and Art live out in the "stix" in Greenville, Ohio and that's the way she likes it. Linda, you sound like your Dad did years ago, when he would hide from the rest of us. I really can't blame him much, all of us younger kids pestered the daylight out of him. We just couldn't resist teasing him because he would get so mad. So he made a hammock for himself and took to the top of the trees.

Linda says she enjoys the Newsletter and probably won't get to attend the reunion but will send pictures of her family and would like to have some of the reunion. Good to hear from you, Linda.

According to "The Marketeer", published by "The Crescent-News" in Defiance, Ohio, our Carolyn is becoming well-known for her Southwestern Folk Art. The front page featured her picture and a story of her interest in Indian Storyteller Dolls and what inspired her to begin making them.

Carolyn has quite a collection of storytellers and makes them mostly for her own enjoyment. However, she does sell a few of them from time to time, but doesn't want to get into big time operations for fear

the pressure would take the fun out of making the individual storytellers, each with it's own character and story. Some of the pieces she has sold have brought up to \$60. She has given some of them to members of her family. Last year she donated one to our Reunion Auction. I believe Wanda Craddock was the buyer, so hold onto it, Wanda, it really might be a collector's item someday. It's already special for the time and talent Carolyn put into it.

More recipes and cookbook orders are needed. If, by the end of this month I do not have 200 orders, then I will assume that I have pestered you folks long enough and that the majority isn't interested in a "Craddock Cuisine" cookbook. The ones who sent money will be getting a refund. I will keep your recipes and put one in the newsletter each month. So if any of you do want a cookbook and just haven't taken time to get serious about it, this is the final reminder and chance for ya.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHSTONE-DIAMOND SYMBOLIZING-INNOGENCE

- 1st Kathryn Gail (Craddock) Douglas 1954
- 3rd Jesse Randall 1991
- 5th Pamela Paulette (Moore) Morris 1961
- 8th Amanda Marie Kennedy 1981
- 10th April Marie Craddock 1972
- 15th Cynthia Ann Upchurch 1956
- 15th Kaci Nicole Upchurch 1980
- 16th Kenneth L Barnes 1953
- 16th April D'lynn 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 4 yrs.
- 17th Roger & Pam Morris 14 yrs.

Summer Morris of Terre Haute, Ind. made the Honor Roll list. Way to go babe.

Thank you, Beulah Craddock for the recipes and order. I really appreciate it. Hope you and Levi are well and happy.

A wedding shower was held March 12 for Leonard & LaDonna (Climer) Kionute, at the First Baptist Church, in Binger, Ok.

Daisy and Leonard are still planning their trip to Alaska this summer. (Did I say Canada, earlier?) They plan to drive round trip instead of ferrying back as considered before. Daisy will have surgery April 12th to have her right hip replaced.

Thank you, Janet Craddock for the recipe and book order. Janet, I just can't believe that you actually used an Elvis stamp to mail your letter. It's the only one I've ever seen on a letter. Mine are all put away with my stamp collection. I thought that's what they were for. It's a wonder some dishonest postal worker didn't stampnap it along the route. Ha ha

Carl has really been eyeing the grass lately. He can't hardly wait for it to grow. He's been talking about fixing up his old snapper mower one of these days and talking about checking out the rod and reels and tackle boxes. He's glad to be getting around a little these days.

Judy Morris of Hobbs sent some pics of the grandkids, three handsome boys. Judy, you forgot to send recipes and order your cookbook. Thanks for the stamps, Judy.

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Submitted by Judy Morris

Old folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed- with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do - all the time. No matter where I am- in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement- I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

Well I guess it's about time to wrap up another month. You are all encouraged to participate. Let me know about your Senior Grads, your new babies, marriages, etc. I would especially like to know who our Seniors are this year, and a list of their accomplishments, for the May Issue.

For God so loved YOU that He gave His only begotten Son. Love, from me to you

Ada Morris

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