

# CRADDOCK CONNECTION

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Dear Family,

Thanks to all of those who have sent recipes and ordered cookbooks. You have made it possible for us to have a family cookbook published. However, a couple of family members have asked me to wait just a while longer before sending our recipes for publication. Martha needed more time, because of Reg's illness (details later) and Dave thought we would get more participation if we waited until after the Reunion. So you still have until June 26th to get your recipes in. That knocks your excuse in the head, you do have plenty of time. Nelda, I don't have any recipes from you or your daughter.

## BITS & PIECES

Daisy and Leonard are doing well, still planning to drive to Alaska in June. Daisy is recovering very well from the surgery done on her hip.

Roger & Pam Morris have taken up golfing. Pam had to work on Mother's Day. Daughter Summer made the honor roll. No big deal to Jesse, she always makes the honor roll. Grandma Ada is very proud of you both. Roger has informed me that they will not be able to make the Reunion (again) this year. He's scared of the competition.

Larry & Linda Morris are doing well. Justin stays busy with his calves, and April has gone into the baby chick business, I could hear them chirping while we were on the phone. Brandon probably spends his time chasing the girls, though he said he wasn't doing anything.

Nona Kennedy (Onis & Betty's daughter) sent pictures of her 15 year old son, John and 12 year old daughter, Amanda. They are great lookin' kids. John looks just like the Craddock side of the family. Nona says, "we girls, (5 sisters) were all sitting around talking about how onry our kids were, when somebody said, well, I wonder why? It's inherited."

Elaine Eisenman says they have been moving and it's hectic there. She sent more recipes. She says if anyone has the recipe for Burnt Sugar Pie, to please put it in the cookbook, Aunt June gave her the recipe years ago but she has misplaced it. She put me onto a mistake in the March letter, sorry to bust your bubble, Viola, but I must tell the truth, even though you look like you were born in 1948 it was actually 1924.

Cheryl Boyette sends money for cookbooks but no recipes, she said she opens cans, jars, boxes, etc., and says that brother, David Jr., who lives with them, can verify that. (But according to Daddy Dave, Dave Jr (Glen) is putting on the pounds, so he must be getting good food somewhere) Cheryl says shes really misses her Mom's home cooking. Cheryl is a registered nurse at St Joseph's Childrens Hosp. in Tampa. Her husband, Jeff is a Kitchen Manager at an "Outback Steakhouse" popular restaurant in Largo, Fl. (no wonder you don't cook, Cheryl). Their 6 month old son, Jarred just found out he is going to be a big brother soon, that news came as a shock to Mom and Dad. Cheryl sent pictures of their family. Nice lookin family. Gay, how does it feel to be getting all of those cute little grandbabies?

Mother's Day brought back memories for my daughter, Lynne. She remembers her and some of her brothers cooking breakfast for me when they were very young. She put the coffee grounds right into the water, so I showed her how to make coffee the proper way and she says she had the job of coffee making from that day forward. Her little daughter, Tessa tells me that she has been making straight a's all year long. Good work, Tessa.

Congratulations, Kevin Olinger and Michele Wells Lemons. Kevin and Michele promised to love, honor and obey, May 20, at the Church of God in Binger. Michele is the daughter of Buddy and Georgia Wells of



Binger, Kevin is the son of Viola Craddock of Binger. Michele, we welcome you to our family. Best wishes to you guys.

Dave and Gay have acquired another son-in-law, their daughter Glenda was married April 18. The lucky guy is Dean Ward, assistant manager of Taco Bell in Tampa. Dave says they had a nice wedding and went to Gatlinberg on their honeymoon. Welcome to our family, Dean, and best wishes to the both of you.

Since Dave declined the challenge to be in charge of the fishing rules, admitting he would not be able to write up a fair set of rules, Joe Bob has graciously agreed to be in charge of this event and he said he will also bring a prize or a trophy, whatever reward he thinks the winner deserves. His rules are on the last page. Good luck fisherpersons!

Ronnie, you've taken a lot of teasing here lately about your fishing, but I hope you will enter the contest and come to the reunion. We'll have to quit teasing you if you catch the big fish. However, I must warn you that BJ says she is going to catch the big fish again this year. I think I might try a little harder myself too.

Dave wants to be the Chairperson of the Attendance Register. Heaven knows why. He probably plans to bully us about something. Don't be intimidated by him, he's all fun and doesn't bite.

Larry Dean will make up the Pitch Rules as usual and Dave has requested that they be submitted to him in advance for his approval.

Sue Ann has suggested that we have our pitch tournament later in the evening the same day as the Reunion. I think this is a good idea if time permits. So those of you who plan to enter the pitch tournament come prepared for battle, then if we don't have the time we can always put it off until the next day. Lonnie, be sure to polish the trophy and bring it along.

Aunt Fay and Sue came over for a visit last week. We spent the day gabbing and enjoying it. Sue bought hamburgers and fries for our lunch. Carl and I had a warm debate over which local restaurant to order them from. Carl got his choice of course. Ha.

Debbie tells me that I need to make a retraction in last month's letter. She says that Carl and Joe didn't beat us in rook. Debbie, Carl insists that they did, now I'm confused as to who did win.

Dear brother Reg gave us all a scare a couple of weeks ago. He had a heart attack

while out camping. He had 85% blockage in one of his arteries. A procedure was done, that cleaned out the artery, and he's now doing very well and making plans to attend the reunion. Martha calls it a miracle, it is.

Dan Craddock was admitted to the hospital just about the same time Reg was released. He was having chest pain and took some tests but the cause is still not known. I understand he went fishing the afternoon he was released so he's doing ok. (Happy to report Dan didn't have any serious problem)

Samie and Larry Craddock, DBA, Total Technologies, have set up shop on 112 NW 2nd St. in Anadarko. If you have any computer needs, that's the place to go.

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### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to Rita Jo Morris. She graduated from Anadarko High School this May. Rita, is the daughter of Larry Morris of Seminole, Tx and Debbie Holman of Anadarko, Ok. Rita was a member of FHA and plans to attend Chickasha College for some Science Classes and then transfer to Edmond. Rita has studied very hard this past year and really improved her grades. Especially this past semester. Rita was presented a \$500 Aladdin Beauty College Scholarship. She plans to study for and become a mortician. Grandma Ada is very proud of you, Rita. Hope you are successful and happy at whatever you do.

Congratulations to Jennifer Turner, graduating Senior from Moore. Jennifer is the daughter of Karla and John Turner also of Moore. Her maternal grandparents are Lon and Pauline Craddock of Minco.

Jennifer has a \$3000 Scholarship from OCU, in voice, but is unsure of her plans at the present time.

Congratulations to Billy F. Holderbee, son of BJ Craddock. Billy is graduating from Tahlequah High. Billy maintained a straight A average his Senior year.

Congratulations also go to our lovely little daughter, Leesa Lyn Morris. She has successfully completed 8th grade at Binger-Oney Jr. High and will be entering High School this fall. Leesa is an FFA member and also a member of the Honor Choir. Her academics have been pretty good, but she'll do much better next year.

We have one more graduate, a grandson, Jeremy Duane Morris. Jeremy graduated from Kindergarten and will be entering into the real world of, all day long 1st grade this fall. Ooh that's scary.



We also have some achievements to note. Jared Morris (grandson) received a Certificate of Merit in Math, A Certificate from the Dally Oklahoman for participation in the Spelling Bee, and he was declared, School Champion. He placed 3rd in his division at the Binger-Oney Science Fair and rec'd a white ribbon for that. He rec'd a Fair Award in Conservation. Jared will be entering the 5th grade next fall.

Josh Morris (my baby boy, now 12) rec'd a Factsmaster certificate and a metal nameplate in Math. A certificate in Basketball, his team won 2nd place, Conference and placed 3rd in the Washita Heights Tournaments. He won Blue Ribbons in 4-H for his speech on "First Aid" and also blue for his song, "Acky Breaky Heart" at, Share the Fun Day. He rec'd certificates for his participation in the Spelling Bee and the Conservation Fair.

More accomplishments, which I was asked not to put in the newsletter, but you know me, I feel that Judy Smith needs honorable mention for earning her GED. Bravo for you, Judy. I'm proud of you and I bet your papa, Reg will be also. Judy tested for the GED and her scores were 3rd year college on all but Math, which was 12th grade level. Judy attributes her accomplishments to "all that self-inflicted pain (Homeschool) we all went through. The kids didn't learn much but I did." Judy has enrolled in an Electronics course. Way to go!

Judy's sons, Aaron and Ryan were baptized March 7th, Aaron's birthday. You won't ever live to regret that decision, fellas. Aaron also won Citizen of the Week Award. Congratulations! to you two boys.

Judy says, Bob is going to be baptized soon. I'm assuming that she means her son, Cody Bob; correct me if I'm wrong.

Judy, you asked for Pam and Roger's address, here tis: 334 Margaret Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. 47802.

Congratulations to Erik Craddock, he has completed his USAF schooling in Monterey, Ca. and is stationed somewhere in Texas. I know it's close enough to drive home every week-end. Erik likes that.

Jeremy Upchurch graduating from Anadarko High, received a \$500 Anadarko Education Association Nola Blakely Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship, a \$500 Anadarko All-School Alumni Scholarship, a \$50 Black Heritage Club Scholarship, and a \$1000 Rotary Club Scholarship. Great going, Jeremy!

I'm sure there are other graduates and achievements, but I have not been told of such, so this wraps it up for that topic. Please, I always encourage you to write and let me know what's happening. Even when you tell me in person or on the phone I might forget, so if you want something in the letter it's best to drop me a line, and as I've said before, if anyone wants their own column, just write it, send it, and I'll print it.

My neighbors, Tony and Sheila Mayer had an uninvited backyard guests a few nights ago. Tony went out to investigate why his dog kept barking and found an armadillo. I don't know if he was trying to run it off or play games with it, but I could see his flashlight going all around his yard for quite some time. Armadillo tag, Tony?

We've had some prowlers of the two legged-kind around here lately too. Thieves, bold enough to come right up to our doorsteps and steal Josh's and Tony's bikes.

Little league has begun so Carl and I will be running here and there to ball games for a while, we love watching the kids play but it gets old before the season is over.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1st Cory Dean Morris 1984
- 3rd Holly Deanne (Craddock) Watson 1970?
- 3rd Tyson Lee Olinger 1989
- 3rd Steven Leon Kennedy 1958
- 5th Lindell Herbert Craddock 1946
- 5th Ronald Jay Craddock 1959
- 6th B.J. Craddock 1952
- 7th Penny Louise (Loveless) Settle 1956
- 11th Chancy Danielle Watson 1992
- 12th Gilbert William Archer 1919
- 12th Reginald Van Craddock 1933
- 12th Vaughn Robert Craddock 1954
- 12th Tyler Anthony Drew McIntosh 1992
- 13th Bryn Erin Grevstad 1983
- 14th Rebecca Susan (Craddock) Lafferty 1944
- 15th Steven Lyle Murrow 1983
- 15th Jeremy Duane Morris 1987
- 16th Galen William Humphrey 1971
- 19th Lonnie Durrell Craddock 1966
- 19th Marly Allison Rushing
- 21st Tony Dale Mayer 1967
- 23rd Johnny Eisenman 1942
- 23rd John Paul Morris 1977
- 25th Jessica Dawn Morris 1981
- 26th Rebecca Jane (Craddock) Humphrey 1945
- 26th Garrett Leon Craddock 1966
- 29th Melissa Renee Morris 1989
- 30th Linda Jo Craddock 1962
- 30th Lonnie Dale Climer 1969
- 30th Dakota Dustin Glen Craddock 1989



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1st Nick ♥ Holly Watson 4 yrs.
- 2nd Gary ♥ Karla Garber ?
- 15th Levi ♥ Beulah Craddock 8 yrs.
- 20th Lindell ♥ Donna Craddock 26 yrs.
- 21st Reginald ♥ Martha Craddock 4 yrs.
- 27th Randy ♥ Lynne Murrow 10 yrs.

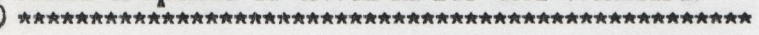


Yes, Dave, Larry, Judy and Roger, I realize that I made an error on page two and spelled Congratulations wrong, with an extra a, however it was not a spelling error it was a typing error. By the time I noticed it, I had 110 copies of that page printed so you'll just have to tahloueight it.

Don't forget the reunion, June 26th at Ft Cobb Lake Community Bldg. The doors will be open at 10: A.M. and it's all ours for the next 12 hours. Bring your favorite foods, an item for the auction, an heirloom would be great, (if it's not too dear to part with) something you have made is always nice. Those of you who play musical instruments be sure to bring those along.

As in the past, we will have drawings and contests. Prizes, awards and trophies will be given, to the one who traveled most miles, traveled least miles, married longest, married least, oldest family member, youngest family member, best joke, biggest liar, and the best cook. We'll have horseshoes and a trophy for that, Lonnie will be in charge of horseshoe rules this year. We'll have some games for the little children and some prizes and trophies for them too. We still need someone to supervise them.

If any of you have volley ball or badminton sets bring them along, I'm sure the teenagers would enjoy these. Do any of you teenagers have any suggestions as to games or contests for yourselves? Let me know if you do and I'll see that we have some trophies or awards for the winners.



Oh what a nice fragrance the kitchen held this morning. Essence of chanel, as in channel cat I surmise. After all, Carl & Marty did take Jared, Jeremy, Nathan and Josh fishing last night. I vaguely remember being roused from my sleep by an excited Josh, asking if he and Nathan could clean and cook their catch of three small fish. Eager to return to my blissful sleep, I am sure I must have mumbled something like mmmhmm! The only visible evidence was one or two tiny bones and a bass skin in one plate. The cabinet only had about one-half inch of

grease spread over it and a few scales in the sink. Carl said he overheard Nathan say, "hey this is raw," and Josh replied, " chunk it back in and we'll cook it some more."

Reminds me of a few years ago when , sons, Roger and Chuck and Reg's son, Leonard went camping. They didn't catch fish so they caught an owl and roasted it, seems it turned out to be a "rare" owl. Ha

Levi Craddock was in the hospital at Chickasha. He had surgery on his knee and is doing very well and will probably be home when you read this. Get well in time for the reunion, Levi.

We have a couple more graduates that we are happy and proud to announce. Congratulations to, Randy Winsett, a Sr. at Ninnekah High School. Randy is pre-enrolled at East Central University in Ada. He attends Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha in the afternoons, while completing his high school requirements at Ninnekah High School in the mornings. Randy was presented with the "All Area Award " at "The Grady County Conference Academic Bowl Banquet. This award is one of only 16 presented in the state. Randy is the son of Denise Craddock-Winsett of Ft. Worth and Gene Winsett of Ninnekah, Ok.

Also a graduating High School Senior this year is Mark Franklin of Garland, Tx. Mark attends Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland. Mark will be attending Eastfield College in Garland, this fall. Mark is the son of Elaine Craddock-Franklin and Myles Franklin of Garland. Congratulations!

Both boys are grandsons of the late Elton Craddock and Nelda June Craddock of Alex. The late Wilber and Grace Craddock of Alex were their great-grandparents.

It's about time to wind things up. Hope this finds each of you and your families well and happy. Sorrowful and difficult times are inevitable for each of us now and then, but they are easier to cope with when we have caring friends and family, and especially when we have the comfort of knowing that God is with us and in us, His word says, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." This means that the Holy Spirit that indwells and lives within us is stronger than the spirit of anti-christ or Satan that roams the world. Jesus also tells us in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Love ya, Ada

Lonnie, JOHN PAUL SOY UP THE HORSESHOES AND HE PRACTICES EVERY DAY. TO BEAT YOU