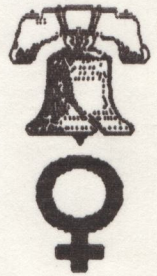




CRADDOCK CONNECTION

1993, YEAR OF THE WOMAN



We've come a long way, baby

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WOMEN MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP PIECE OF CAKE

Truly this has been the year of the woman. The men, dazed with astonishment and despair, were speechless as the women pressed relentlessly forward, taking all but one of the major trophies at the 93 Craddock Reunion.

For the very first time ever, the pitch tournament was won by the female gender. Gay Craddock, of Marietta, Ga. easily played her way into the winners circle, winning enough games to land her the coveted trophy. Way to go, Gay. One giant step for womankind. You are truly a pioneer in the world of pitch games. This was a bitter pill for her husband, Dave, but by this time next year, maybe he will submit his attitude concerning winning women, to a more passive frame of mind.

Taking the trophy for the horseshoe tournament, was Gayle Hicks of Fort Cobb. Gayle has been a threat for several years to the men pitching shoes, but this was the year for victory. Those shoes were really clanging as she tossed ringer after ringer and dusted each male opponent as they came. The time was right and the men were just no match for this little filly. Husband, Clay, being a pro himself at the game, surely, must have been slightly aghast as his domestic partner made the big win.

Ya gotta give the men some credit, they played hard; John Morris taking second place, gave them some consolation.

Ah, we have yet another female winner, Viola Craddock of Conroe, Tx, and sometimes Binger, Ok hauled in the biggest catfish, her fish weighed 1 lb. 9 oz, outweighing her husband, Jay's fish by 2 oz. Using her own special techniques of fishing, Viola was able to land this whopper thus taking the catfish trophy.

Only one major trophy, for bass, was won by the opposite sex. Dan Craddock, of

Anadarko, Ok, being fortunate enough not to have women competition in this event, won this award. Hope your luck holds out next year, Dan. But now that we have a foothold!

In the world of wee women, we have still another victory. Jamie Craddock won the footrace and trophy in her age group, Ronni Craddock also won in her racing category. We did have one male winner, Britt Williams raced to victory in his age category. Congratulations Britt, winning the race in "The Year of the Woman" deserves quite a round of applause. You must have been very fast.

Ada Morris, yours truly, won a beautiful handmade quilt, donated by Betty Craddock. I'm sure Betty put many hours into this and I feel very fortunate to have been the lucky person to take this prize home. (I do admit this was luck, and not skill as the trophy winners had to have.)

Trica Craddock Felty, daughter of Onis and Betty Craddock, donated a painting, (she did the painting) of the old house north of Verden, (we've mentioned it before) that my grandfather, Alonzo Shields Craddock, built. The painting was given away in a drawing, I believe the winner was Rosalee's granddaughter but I didn't get her name. Thank you much for your time and talent, Trica. It's a very nice painting.

Dave & Gay Craddock brought pictures of Alonzo and his wife, Ada Susan Church Craddock, my grandparents and their two oldest children, Noma Craddock Crutchfield, my aunt, and Van Edwin Craddock, my father. They were very nice pictures. One was presented to Aunt Fay and one to me. Others were sold for \$5 each. Thank you, Dave and Gay.

Fay and Aubry Finley won a cup for having been married the longest. Fifty nine and a half years is a lot of loving, a lot of giving, a lot of taking and a lot of forgiving.

Kevin & Michelle Olinger, newlywed

couple of one month and six days won a rolling pen. We don't know if Michelle will use this to roll out the dough or on Kevin's head. By the way, Kevin is the son of J. W. and Viola Craddock of sometimes, Binger, Ok and presently, Conroe, Tx. ha

Clay and Gayle Hicks of Ft Cobb won a pair of thongs for traveling the shortest distance. We don't know who will wind up wearing them but since this is "The Year of the Woman," we shall presume.

Reg and Martha Craddock won dishtowels for traveling the longest distance. Of course the gift was in keeping with "The Year of the Woman." However, Reg was presented with an Oklahoma Keychain since he did do the driving.

Fay Finley won an apron for the best tasting dish of fresh green beans. We must give credit to Aubry also, he planted and put in a lot of hard work raising them. Then again I call your attention to what this year has been so far, so no doubt Fay will wear the apron, on the other hand maybe not, considering what year this is. Ha

David Craddock won something for telling the best joke. I am not quite sure if that was a trophy or some other prize.

Dan Craddock won the "Full of Bull" trophy for the best bull story. (He wore us down, he told it five times.)

Clifford Nath won the bald head award. The contestants for that event were, Reg Craddock, David Craddock, Dan Craddock, Joe Bob Craddock, Ansel Finley, and Clifford Nath. However, Clifford had the "most beautiful bald head."

Fay Finley, age 76, won a trophy for being the oldest family member.

Jakota Delk won a musical bear for the youngest family member. I didn't get her age.

Someone thoughtful brought a "Grand Champion Ribbon" for me. It worried me a little bit because they didn't say grand champion what; heifer maybe. Thank you.

Marly Craddock won the children's art contest and was presented with a drawing pad and crayons. She entered three very beautiful pictures.

The winners of the Candy Jars were, Marly Craddock, Jeremy Morris and Shauna Holderbee. Be sure to brush afterwards kids.

Kaci Upchurch and Shauna Holderbee won beach towels for being the youngest teenagers. Billy Holderbee being the oldest teenager won a beach towel.

Gay Craddock brought ten lottery

tickets. One of them worth \$32,000 if it has the right numbers on it. Winners of the tickets were selected by drawing and were, Keith Finley, Gayle Hicks, Linda Morris, Vaughn Craddock, Shannon Bray, Mark Bowen, Sandy Craddock, Janet Craddock, Paul Craddock, and Sue Upchurch. Good luck!

Update on the lottery tickets. There is a winner! It could be you! The winning ticket numbers are: 3-14-20-24-30-31. Check your numbers. If you have all six numbers, you're a multi-millionaire. If you have 3, 4, or 5 of these numbers, you are a winner of a lesser amount. The numbers do not have to be in the order given above. If you do have as many as three of these numbers, you may call 1-904-555-1212 and ask for the number of the Florida Lotto. If any of you win anything, we'd like to know.

Miscellaneous toys and candy were passed out to the children and I hope none of them were left out.

Thank you, Joe for doing an excellent job with the auction. Thank you also for going all the way to Binger to get my car keys that somehow wound up at home before the car did, (it's a long story folks). Ladies, do you think we could really get along without the men to do some many things for us? Nah.

We had lots of good food and some, but not enough good music. Next year we'll make sure we have time enough for more visiting and entertainment.

I do not know how many were in attendance. Eighty eight people signed the attendance record. I picked my brain (not a hard task) and remembered 23 more, a total of 111. I am quite sure we had more than that. I am going to list those I know were there and if any of you know someone who was left out, please let me know. We are going to be keeping an official register and would like to have every name. Be sure to register next year.

Those who registered and the others whose faces and names I could recall were, Max & Sue Upchurch, Gilbert & Idele Archer Paul & Carolyn Craddock, Winnie Chisholm, Larry, Samie, Stephanie, and Nathan Craddock, and Dawn Larson, Carl, Ada, John, Leesa, and Josh Morris, Dan & BJ Craddock, and Billy and Shauna Holderbee, Joe Craddock, Onis & Betty Craddock, Rick, Rhonda, Renee, Randi, & Ronni Kolling, Mark, Tammy, Britt, and Path Williams, Cash Bray, Rene' Sanders, Jakota Delk, Clay & Gayle Hicks, Laura & Wyatt Bowes, Fay & Aubry

Finley, Keith & Judy Finley, Ansel Finley, Clifford & Rosalee Nath, John & Angie Owen, David & Gay Craddock, Larry, Linda, Justin, Brandon & April Morris, Andy & Rowena Bowen, Andy M., Sarah, and Danny Bowen, Loretta Armstrong, Shane, Kandy and Matt Armstrong, Betty Crane, Tressia and Ethan Vann, Betsy, Tonya, and Lindsey Crane, Laura Belle Johnston, Debbie Upchurch Dickinson and Sasha and Chanda Miller, & Jana McBride, Cindi & Kaci Upchurch, Viola Locke, Rodney Craddock, Vaughn Craddock, Reg, Martha, Marly and Jackie Craddock, Juanita Handke, Verna Overton, Tammy, Jared, Jeremy and Marti Morris, Kevin, Michelle, Tara & Tyson Olinger, Tony & Sheila Mayer, Pat & Bruce Arthurs, Bob & Wanda Craddock, and Nicole, Mandy McIntosh and Tyler, Devon Craddock, Ryan & Cody Smith, Aaron & Dusty Craddock, and Janet, Jamie, Ashleigh, Amber and Bobbi Jo Craddock.

If you or some of your family was there and your name is not listed above, please let me know.

Leonard & Daisy Craddock, sent a card from Houston, British Columbia, addressed to the Craddock Reunion. It has a picture boasting "Home of the World's Largest Fly Rod!" I wonder if this is an indication of the size fish they catch there. The card was misplaced and I didn't find it until after the reunion. It reads: June 13, 1993 "Hello All! The slides are about like these" (referring to the photo on card) "partly cloudy and showers. The spring flowers are pretty and everything is so green. The lakes are full; snow melting and the streams running to the sea. Today we crossed the Continental Divide where the water goes down the Pacific or to the Arctic. It is as beautiful as we expected. Sorry we couldn't join the fishing derby. Here it is trout or salmon. Thinking of you, have fun! Daisy & Leonard"

We missed you guys, but I'm glad you're enjoying your trip. Sounds wonderful. Have fun and have a safe trip back home.

Here are some scholastic achievements, attained by more grandchildren. You know I'm always happy and proud to mention these things. Congratulations to Cory Morris of Hobbs, NM. Cory passed and made the honor roll with all straight A's. He maintained a 3.8 average all year except for peaking out at 4.0 1 six week period. Cory also wanted us to know that his brother Shawn also passed. Great going, guys, hang.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruby- Contentment

- 2nd Martin (Marty) Rice 1953
- 3rd Joseph Dale Morris 1977
- 3rd Devon Jay Michael Craddock 1990
- 8th Rosalee (Finley) Nath 1938
- 8th Christina Lynn McDougale 1986
- 12th Onis Elbert Craddock 1936
- 12th David Glen Craddock 1941
- 12th Sheryl Marie (Craddock) Robinson 1956
- 13th Stephen Paul McDougale 1981
- 15th Rhonda Lea (Craddock) Kolling 1963
- 17th Justin Durrell Craddock 1985
- 18th Idele Archer 1923
- 18th Gay Laurie (Sones) Craddock 1938
- 18th Shelby Lynn Craddock 1991
- 23rd Regina Allison Craddock 1975
- 23rd Daylin Dean Farrow 1977
- 24th Brittany Marie Wall 1989
- 28th Jackie Lee Craddock 1964
- 30th Donald Roland McDougale 1962
- 31st Calvin Wade Garber 1989

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1st Larry & Linda Morris 15 yrs
- 3rd JW & Viola Craddock 20 yrs
- 9th Bill & Carol Craddock 10 yrs
- 7th Clay & Gayle Hicks 3 yrs
- 13th Rod & Stacey Davis 2 yrs
- 21st John & Kim Mann 14 yrs
- 29th Hershel & Carolyn Climer 29 yrs

Congratulations to Larry & Jennifer McBride. They were blessed with a baby boy, Larry Shawn McBride Jr., June 18th. He weighed 6lbs. 10 oz. The grandparents are Sue and Max Upchurch.

Ernest Alonzo Craddock, died June 28th after being ill with heart problems for a couple of weeks. Lon was born August 4th, 1916. He is survived by his wife Hazel Pauline (Trosper) Craddock, three daughters and their husbands, Patricia and Roger Danley, Barbara and David Kirkegard, and Karla Jo and John Turner, three, great grandchildren, and seven grandchildren, one brother, Levi Craddock and two sisters Laura Belle Johnston and Viola Locke.

Lon and Pauline were married Dec 23rd, 1940 in Verden, Ok. He was a member and deacon of the Hazeldale Baptist Church. He lived and farmed in the Minco Community for 33 years.

Lon was preceded in death by his parents John William Craddock and Rosetta Jackson, five sisters, Helen Elnora Craddock,

Ruby Rhodes, Velma Jane Keys, Alta Marie Kuykendall, Ola June Campbell, and two brothers, James Wilbur Craddock and Herbert Debs Craddock.

My thoughts and prayers are with Lan's family. He was a very dear person.

 Don't forget the Craddock Family Reunion that is held in Shannon Springs Park, Chickasha, the third Sunday of July. It will be on the 18th this year.

I would like to welcome the following to the Craddock Connection:
 Nelda Elaine Craddock Franklin
 1006 Sleepy Hollow Drive
 Garland, Tx 75403

Elton (Bud) Craddock, Jr.
 Route 1 Box 66
 Ninnekah, Ok 73067

Denise Ann Craddock
 PO Box 161866
 Fort Worth, Tx 76161

These are the children of Elton Carby Craddock, deceased and Nelda June Craddock.

Elaine is a Forestry Coordinator with Texas Utilities. Bud is Owner-Manager of Craddock Farms and Denise is an Executive Assistant with Burlington Northern Railroad.

Glad to have you aboard, and I would greatly appreciate having your family statistics. Anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Also would welcome any of your family news and special days. That's what the newsletter is all about, to help us keep in touch with each other.

Dan and BJ have prepared the annual financial report for us:

1993 REUNION FUND	
Begin Jan Balance	\$ 80.00
1992 Bldg. Deposit Returned	+ 75.00
Balance	155.00
Cash Donation	+10.00
Balance	165.00
1993 Deposit on Lake Bldg.	-85.00
Balance	80.00
Auction, photos & raffle proceeds	+317.50
Balance	397.50
1993 Lake Bldg. Rent	- 88.83
Balance	308.67
Trophies	-36.17
Balance	272.50

Door prizes and toys	\$-108.00
Balance	164.50
Flowers for Lon Craddock	-25.18
Ending Balance	\$139.32

Looks like we're a little bit ahead of our last year's balance. We have our deposit on the building, \$85 in addition to the 139.32 balance in our fund. All set for next year.

The flowers for Lon were sent in behalf of everyone.

I want to thank Rowena Bowen, Cindi Upchurch, and Wanda Craddock for helping with the drawings, raffle and the auction. I took advantage of their seated positions to engage their assistance. I appreciate it girls.

We had a good time and a good visit. As always, we are never ready when it gets time for everyone to go home, but, ya know what, there is just too many family members spread around over the USA for anyone to have to get very lonely for very long. Isn't it wonderful to have such a big and caring family? Thank God!

You know something else, ladies, isn't it great to have all those nice menfolk to treat us like ladies? The joling and teasing is all just fun, we couldn't get along without you fellas, we love and respect you. Without you guys around, life would be pretty bad. I have always liked having doors opened for me. Let's hear it for the men. Hurrah! There now, we don't want to overdo it. ha.

NOBODY'S FRIEND

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, dont repeat it.

With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips, Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat it's fruit. Prov. 18: 20-21

Louie, Ada Morris

Please help our relative, Susan, write her book. Send all the info on your family.
Thanks, Ada

22 June 1993
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Paint Lick, Ky. 40461

Dear Ada,

I certainly didn't mean to take so long in getting back with you. It has been a very busy spring. Yours is one of several letters I've had on my desk to answer since February. I can't believe it's already the last of June.

The girls had spring break in March, then it was Easter, garden planting time, yard mowing (some almost every day, as we mow a little over 2 acres), vacation, a couple of projects on the house, we've had company and been company. Recently, most of the state suffered damage from severe storms. We had five large maple trees and a redbud in our front yard that either had the top blown out, or lost large limbs. It's taken two weeks to saw up the wood and carry off the brush.

I haven't even had time to write the other lady you had mentioned, and I'm really excited to hear from her.

Thank you, too for sending me your publication, "Craddock Connections". I do enjoy reading it even though I know absolutely no one. I would really like to meet all these people to see what they look like and all their personalities. I wonder if any of you would remind me of the family here. Do any of the Craddocks there have any specific traits? I think most of the ones I know are real talkers, some get a little carried away, and may tend to "stretch" the truth a little. I think they all are a bit head strong. Most are easy going, generous and very hard working.

A fellow from Texas wrote me one time about the Craddocks, wanting to know if the Craddocks here had any "Craddock spells". I wasn't exactly sure what he meant, but I took it to mean peculiar or stubborn streaks.

Also thank you for the additional information you sent on the George Alexander Craddock family. I would still like to have a copy of David and Laura Craddock's picture if your Aunt Fay can get them? Did I ever send you a copy of James Bascum Craddock and Sarah Wells, or Robert W. Craddock and Cordelia Carby?

I'm interested in obtaining any other information on the family that you may not have sent, especially any interesting bits of history that may have been handed down, pictures, etc. I'm gathering more data to do a second Craddock book.

Guess I'd better run for now, I've got to go pick up my grandson from the setter. I look forward to hearing from you again.

Love, your cousin

Susan Lafferty