

# CRADDOCK CONNECTION

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Dear Family,

As for me, it has been a good year. The Lord has been with me through it all, good and bad. His mercies endure forever.

I want to thank all of you Craddock Connection folks for your contributions to this newsletter. Many times I have received a book of stamps in the mail, or a couple of dollars. Lots of letters with words of encouragement, not only for the newsletter, but for me, words that have helped me to be an overcomer in this world, and to have peace and joy in the Lord. His joy is my strength. Some of you, brothers and sons, have helped financially, with our personal problems. Many of you have given with your readiness to run an errand or keep an eye on the children for a while. Acts of kindness, of all sorts, letting me know that you cared. Some of the wee folks have given, unaware, many times with a big hug. All of you have given gifts unto me this past year, and without you, it would all be meaningless. I thank God for my family, for my Aunt's, Uncles, sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-laws, and for my brothers, my sister-in-laws who have become like sisters to me, cousins, nieces, nephews, father-in-law, my dear neighbor, and dear friends. I have come to love and appreciate all of you dearly. Each of you have contributed to the enrichment of my life, and I just wanted you to know.

It's time to begin thinking about the family reunion. It should be evident to all of you that help is needed with organization and planning this year.

I just want to begin by suggesting July 5th and 6th. We can rent the community building at Fort Cobb Lake or Chickasha Lake and I am told it is very nice, with water coolers and kitchen facilities. However this will have to be reserved very soon. I have already checked on this and was told that folks start making

reservations as early as January.

Here is my suggestion. The building will cost \$75 a day plus \$75 deposit. Thus we need \$225. If 15 or 20 folks would give \$10 or \$15, that would take care of it. If extra money comes in it will be used to purchase trophies and prizes. The \$75 deposit that we will get back after we clean and vacate the building, we could have drawings for \$5 each to dispose of this or we could put it in a savings account for the deposit next year.

Anyway that is my suggestion, if you think this is a good idea then send a letter with your contribution and your choice of Lakes and your choice of dates. Do not send your letters to me. I am taking the liberty of appointing Dan Craddock, Box 182, Anadarko, Ok. 73009 and Fay Finley, Box 386, Verden, Ok. 73092 to be the keepers of the money and the overseers of reserving the building. They can get together on this and if they don't want the job they can always decline. Anyway it needs to be done very soon, like right now.

Now, so that no one misunderstands, let me clarify this, there is no charge for coming to the reunion, we want everyone to come, but so that we can have a better time we want to rent this building and we are trying to round up enough money to do so. If you can't send anything, or if you just don't want to send anything, hey! that's O.K. Come on anyway, we need you there. Another thing, you don't have to send the amount that I suggested, 5 cents will do. I hope every one understands what I am trying to say. In the event that we get some money, but not enough, we will send your money back to you and forget the idea. The majority rules. If you're gonna act, now's the time. We need to do this real soon. We'll discuss this more later, but the basic plan will be for the pitch tournament one day and the entertainment and games one



day. Anyway , we'll make more plans later according to the response we get.

## happy birthday

2nd	jeremy upchurch	1975
4th	justin ray morris	1980
4th	tera jo morris	1977
5th	nona marie kennedy	1959
5th	cortney nicole nath	1990
10th	raymond craig morris	1975
12th	leonard ray craddock	1958
12th	dan delmar craddock	1945
13th	judy lavern smith	1957
13th	joyce ann farrow	19??
15th	joshua duwayne morris	1981
18th	fay geneva finley	1917
18th	j.w. craddock	1943
19th	karmen louise settle	1979
20th	deana marie morris	1982
22nd	rene' finley sanders	1959
22nd	chanda rae miller	19??
24th	paula carol mcdougale	1964
27th	roni marie kolling	1989
28th	bill craddock	1944
30th	steven john kennedy	19??
31st	kelly ann jenson	1963

## happy anniversary

13th	aubry & fay finley	57yrs.
23rd	donald & paula mcdougale	9yrs.
28th	marty & tammy Morris	8yrs.



The kids have really been having a lot of fun sliding down the icy slopes here on the hill. We've had several mishaps, but fortunately no one has been hurt seriously. The kids still want snow. What is winter without snow?

Joe and Debbie called from New York. On their way home the road became slick, so they had layed over at a motel. They said if we never heard from them again to remember that they had last been heard of in New York. I'm sure we will see them soon. Determination is Joe's middle name.

Taxes anyone ? Viola and I , and perhaps Samie, plan to take a tax course at El Reno College next month. Gay Craddock also took a tax course. Maybe if enough of us get tax educated and get our heads together we can find some legal loop holes to alleviate the pain. One interesting thing that I noticed this year for the first time, was that, embezzled income must be reported. Oh well.

Meanwhile back at the ranch. A

couple of years ago we had a bunch of the family around , so we decided to have a pancake eating contest. Carl won 1st place, Paul 2nd and John Paul won 1st place in the Jr. Pancake eaters contest. The following is the recipe we used and I thought it might be of interest to some of you to know the quantity. Paul called them the "ole heavy kind."

### HILLTOP PANCAKE EATING CONTEST 1987 PANCAKE RECIPE

20 CUPS FLOUR  
15 TSP BAKING POWDER  
10 TSP SALT  
20 TBLSP SUGAR  
10 EGGS  
15 CUPS MILK  
3 1/3 CUPS VEGETABLE OIL

You'll have to put it together in your own way . To each his own you know. If we ever have another contest of that kind , Carl may have to worry about John as a possible threat, I've been told that he devoured most of a 2 foot submarine sandwich from Homeland, at a party a few weeks ago.

Aunt Fay, we need some more material from you, everyone misses your little, Craddock History articles.

If anyone has any, good, family related, news stories let me know, also did I mention that with Larry's scanner we can now put some pictures and be able to tell who they are, sorry about that Keith, catch another one.

Pete Black , High School Senior, madly in love with a local girl , enlisted in the Navy last summer and will be going to Illinois for his training , shortly after he graduates high school in May.

Erik Craddock , High School Sr., plans to go to College in OKC when he graduates and I'm not sure what his major will be.

Cousin, Darryl Archer stopped by on his way to Ft Cobb last Sunday night. As he left he gave John these words of great wisdom, " Every guy has his girl, but every guitarist has his pick." Thank you, Darryl for your profound wisdom.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight; Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body, And refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 3: 5-8

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