

REUNION

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Tom and Sandy Morris. Combined with family and friends of the students, more than 60 people attended the reunion.

"We were like family," said Franklin, referring to her fellow students at the one-room schoolhouse in Ceasetown. "The students really felt close to each other. It was a hard life, but it was a wonderful life."

In addition to the one in Ceasetown, other one-room schoolhouses - home to students in grades one through eight - in Jackson Township were the Rome School and the Oakdale School. After finishing the eighth grade, most of the students attended either Harter High School in West Nanticoke or Lehman High School.

"The teachers were very nice to us," recalled Gmitter. "I remember having parties at Christmas and on Valentine's Day. At the end of the school year, we'd always have a picnic at someone's house. Everyone made a covered dish, the teacher would pick up all of the food in a car and the kids would walk to the school. We re-

ally were happy."

Unlike in today's public schools, students in one-room schoolhouses began their day with a Bible reading, a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and by singing songs such as America The Beautiful or My Country 'Tis of Thee.

"We always saluted the flag, said our prayers and sang patriotic songs," said Franklin. "I feel terrible that children aren't allowed to do those things today. If you don't have faith in God and (pride) in our country, what do you have? You have to learn those things while you're little."

Cragle remembers sneaking rides on the back of a covered wagon with some friends as a way to get to school.

"Sometimes the guy would catch us," said the 77-year-old, with a laugh. "We had no lights or water in the school. The teacher had to start the furnace every morning. I can't complain. Those were the good old days."

With students in grades one through eight sharing the same room, things got a little crowded. But everyone received an education.

"The teacher would bring up the grades one at a time to the front of the school and the students sat on a bench," said Fran-

klin, whose mother, Victoria Maude Bulford, was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse during the early 1900s at Ceasetown, Rome, East Dallas and West Dallas. "While they were being taught, the rest of the class studied."

And while the students had a good time, things rarely got out of hand, says Gmitter.

"The kids back then paid attention," she said. "They were respectful and very good to the teachers."

A fourth reunion is being planned for next year and Franklin is already looking forward to it.

"We started doing this so everyone could get together," she said. "We have such fond memories. So many of our classmates are dead. So many are gone. We want to keep this going."



Hedy Zbick and Leona Mizdail take a look at their fortune cookies during a reunion of one-room schoolhouse students.

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Super Crossword WELL-ROUNDED

ACROSS

- 1 Existed
- 4 Obscure
- 9 Apply lightly
- 12 Fashionably nostalgic
- 17 Choir member
- 19 City on the Mohawk
- 20 Actor
- 21 Shrivels up
- 22 Joe Harnell hit
- 25 In distress
- 26 Actress Shire
- 27 Individual performance
- 28 Asia's father
- 30 Police hq.
- 31 Profited
- 34 NATO member
- 37 Churchill's successor
- 38 Jason Biggs film
- 41 Coasted
- 42 Fugue composer
- 46 - Bator
- 47 Grab all the goods
- 48 Anthony Quinn role
- 50 Pennsylvania port
- 51 Crack up
- 53 Taxi
- 55 Condemns
- 57 Where to find a fennec
- 59 Parasite
- 61 Casserole cover
- 63 Place of origin
- 65 Pack peppers
- 67 New Deal agency
- 68 Ringo's Marley
- 69 "Roots" Emmy winner
- 70 Blanc or Brooks
- 72 The Cyrkle hit
- 77 Sheepish
- 78 Narco's org.
- 79 Sandra of "A Summer Place"
- 80 Neighbor of Tenn.
- 81 Tracking tool
- 83 Singer
- 84 Spud bud
- 85 Vote in
- 87 Dull
- 90 Time and again
- 92 It may be fake
- 94 Stringed instrument
- 96 Machu Picchu
- 97 Tolkien character
- 99 Attained
- 101 Football's Van Brocklin
- 102 Like kids at Christmas
- 103 Drescher of "The Nanny"
- 104 Hollywood award
- 108 Banister
- 109 Cheeseboard choice
- 110 Jet of yore
- 114 Fury
- 115 Encounter
- 116 "Lama Ding Dong" (61 tune)
- 119 Dropped the ball
- 121 "Blue Velvet" singer
- 123 Merv Griffin creation
- 128 Salad veggie
- 129 "Man" (67 hit)
- 130 Senator Hatch
- 131 Mix
- 132 Cafe vessel
- 133 Craggy hill
- 134 Peter of Herman's Hemits
- 135 Lady lobster
- 3 Type
- 4 Except
- 5 Monly's milieu
- 6 What the shoe does
- 7 - Rios, Jamaica
- 8 Ancient tongue
- 9 Couple
- 10 Past
- 11 Tiny tree
- 12 Indian export
- 13 Archaic ending
- 14 Gary Lewis & the Playboys hit
- 15 Let
- 16 Phantom instrument
- 18 Skip
- 21 Beaver's dad
- 23 "I could - horse"
- 24 Biblical book
- 29 "Mockingbird" singer
- 30 Fox
- 32 Attempt to equal
- 33 Oscar - Renta
- 35 Tennyson's Arden
- 36 Green org.
- 37 Wades through a crowd
- 39 Julia of "Havana"
- 40 Babe in the woods
- 41 Theater sign
- 42 Arthur of "Maude"
- 43 Griffin greeting
- 44 Minnie Driver film
- 45 Successor
- 49 Bizarre
- 52 Rosemary or basil
- 54 Hunk of gunk
- 56 Hook's henchman
- 58 Transport
- 60 Plot
- 62 Bridge support
- 64 Bikini part
- 66 Whirlpool
- 68 Like mountain air
- 69 With 117
- 71 Actor
- 75 "59 Ritchie Valens hit
- 78 Starry
- 82 Pearce piece
- 84 Remnant
- 85 Carve a canyon
- 86 Implement
- 88 Member of the mil.
- 89 Joke
- 91 Tons of time
- 93 Hard on the eyes
- 95 Author Hubbard
- 98 Brute
- 100 Pied-a- -
- 103 Breakfast food
- 105 Get the better of
- 106 Kevin of "SNL"
- 107 Part of FIMT
- 108 Shipbuilding need
- 109 Passed-on item
- 111 Fleming and Linkletter
- 112 Consequences alternative
- 113 Kater
- 114 Italian statesman
- 115 Budge
- 117 See 69
- 118 Down
- 119 Fluffy coil
- 120 Bruce of "Coming Home"
- 122 "Whether - nobler in the mind..."
- 124 Medical grp.
- 125 Corn portion
- 126 Perch part
- 127 Waugh's "The Loved -"

DOWN

- 1 Float on the breeze
- 2 Jones of "Show Boat"

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- 1. 8-Across plus 3-DOWN
- 4. Consecutive digits in descending order
- 5. 17-Across plus 7-DOWN
- 7. Five times 15-DOWN
- 8. 16-Across times 3-DOWN
- 10. Four more than 13-Across
- 11. Same digit repeated
- 13. Two times 4-Across
- 14. 1-Across plus 9-DOWN
- 16. Digits of 10-Across reversed
- 17. Five times 4-DOWN

DOWN

- 2. One hundred more than 13-DOWN
- 3. One less than 15-DOWN
- 4. Fifty more than 11-Across
- 6. Six less than 9-DOWN
- 7. 1-Across plus 13-DOWN
- 9. 10-Across times 13-Across
- 10. Two more than 13-DOWN
- 12. One hundred less than 10-DOWN
- 13. Five times 16-Across
- 15. Sum of the digits of 5-Across

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 - Na Na
- 4 Canine coating
- 7 Tympanic membrane
- 11 Branch
- 13 Chowded down
- 14 Relaxation
- 15 Composer Stravinsky
- 16 Bill
- 17 Pinnacle
- 18 Crowd?
- 20 Heartbroken
- 22 Milwaukee product
- 24 Unstressed vowels
- 28 Fate
- 32 Take as one's own
- 33 St. Louis landmark
- 34 - Moines
- 36 "Born Free" lioness
- 37 Chalkboard
- 39 Aide
- 41 Harbinger
- 43 Desiccate
- 44 Actress Sedgwick
- 46 Could possibly
- 50 Boo-Boo's mentor
- 53 Matterhorn, e.g.
- 55 Bleak, as a film
- 56 "go brrrr!"
- 57 Affliction
- 58 Donated
- 59 Piquancy
- 60 Vast expanse
- 61 Unisex garment
- 9 Work with
- 10 Tex - cuisine
- 12 Thrilling
- 19 Inventor Whitney
- 21 GE merger co.
- 23 Remnant
- 25 Fairy-tale villain
- 26 Basilica section
- 27 Celebrity
- 28 Bravura
- 29 Perry's creator
- 30 Cicatrix
- 31 "Absolutely"
- 35 Normal (Abbr.)
- 38 TV Tarzan Ron
- 40 Branch
- 42 Sketches
- 45 Lotion ingredient
- 47 Capricorn
- 48 Site of great activity...
- 49 ... and where it may be found
- 50 Nevertheless
- 51 - pro nobis
- 52 Martini ingredient
- 54 Royal insomnia cause

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FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTZICK

This turn-of-the-century 40-by-180-foot three story gambrel on Mount Olivet Road will be the site of a May wedding.

WEDDING

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our wedding."

The couple plans to hang chandeliers in the barn and playing up the more elegant elements of a wedding.

"That's another thing we like about the barn theme, you can keep it casual or make it more elegant," says Kleban.

The reception will also be held in the barn, with a band and dancing. The wedding ceremony will take place on a second-story level beneath three barn windows that are tucked into the gambrel peak of the barn.

"At first we were concerned about putting people out by coming this far from New York," Kleban said. "But we will have the buses going back and forth from an area hotel quite often and it will be like something out of the pages of Vogue."

Kleban and her husband-to-be aren't the only ones excited.

"It's like it's my wedding," said Allison Friedman. "I'm excited and nervous, hoping for good weather I think I may even get stressed out."

The Freidmans are also in the process of purchasing a church

next to the barn. Not wanting the church demolished or the three acres to turn into a convenience store site, they have offered to buy the nearby East Dallas Methodist Church on Lower Demunds Road.

"It's bittersweet, we hope we can find another congregation to rent the church to. But if not, it would make a good wedding place and then people could have their receptions next door in our barn," says Allison Friedman.

The idea of country weddings has become very popular and can sometimes be cheaper than hotel weddings in large cities.

"It's amazing how many people are interested in a country wedding," Friedman said.

But just imagine, country-sweet barn weddings ala Ralph Lauren with a touch of Martha Stewart. And right here in Dallas.

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