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 We really enjoyed a nice visit with Karol & Sandra Green when they came in for gardening items. We have met before, Karol and John Ralph are related through the Pouland side of the family but never had the time to visit. Both, Karol and Sandra, are so pleasant, cheerful, positive, inspiring and will tell you several times “so blessed” even though Karol is a paraplegic and in a wheelchair. Karol was born and raised in Redland graduating from high school in 1957. Sandra (Jarvis) grew up in Central. They met as a result of a “mandolin”. While sitting in the “Sub” at SFA with Sandra’s brother, Alford, Karol asked, “Do you know anyone that has a mandolin?” to which Alford replied, “My sister, Sandra”. Karol went to the Jarvis home and met Sandra. After a few minutes, Karol told her, “You talk too fast, slow down”. In spite of that he purchased her mandolin for $10 and they started dating. After two years they were married and she got the mandolin back. Sandra and Karol have three children; Kara and her husband Troy Bohall; daughter Leann and son Kalen and his wife Jennifer who live in Houston; four grandchildren and two great-grands. With the exception of living six years in Colorado, the Greens have always lived in Angelina County. Karol worked as a bookkeeper at Sears & Roebuck; the paper mill, Lufkin Industries and the US Forest Service while Sandra owned and operated “The Chop Shop”. Karol is an original member of **The Burke Pickers**, a small band where he played Sandra’s mandolin. Other original members of this elite band included Bobby Ryan, Dean Lee, Charlie Mullins, Junior Helton, Charlie Mann, Wayne Hodges and Texas State Fiddler, J.C. Hounshell. The Burke Pickers are still active and entertaining. The Greens’ lives changed one day in 2012 when Karol was helping his son-in-law cut down a tree. A limb fell out of the top and hit Karol breaking his back, ribs and shoulder blade. Since that time he has learned to live life in a motorized power chair. He can even “scoot” onto his lawnmower and help Sandra mow the yard and plant a garden using raised beds. He’s a marksman with his single shot.22 and has the patience and dexterity to assemble a 1,000 piece miniature train and a crossbow that will actually shoot Q-tips across the room. If you ever feel discouraged, a visit with Karol and Sandra Green will bless you and lift your spirits.

 What a surprise to walk into the Everything Store and see Neil McGilvra visiting at the round table. He came from Claremont, CA to attend a family reunion. Neil’s parents were John and Fran McGilvra and his younger brother is Chris who lives in Arizona. Neil works with computer graphics. He and his wife Brenda have two children. Their son Austin is an EMT in Southern California and his sister, Devin, is currently in the Disney College program. Brenda tutors students and has a very successful online “lettering” business (calligraphy). You crafty people will see great ideas if you search: brendamcgilvra@letteringyourway.

 It was good to visit with Richard Weeks and his daughter Heather Harley and her two children; five-year-old Layken and six-year-old Hayden. Heather graduated from DHS in 2009 and got an Animal Science degree from SFA. She and her industrial electrical superintendent husband, Aaron, have a new home on five acres in Mineola. Heather has always been a hunter and loves being in the woods. They bought corn on their way to the deer lease to enjoy some time in the woods.

 Marvin “Shorty” Hale and his wife, Jeanene, stopped to visit at the round table after having come to Diboll to vote. They have relocated from their beautiful waterfront home on Lake Rayburn for 20 years to Fairview. Jeanene (Sawyer) said “It’s like moving back home”. Her sister and brother-in-law, Lois and David Shelton, are “down the road” at the popular venue, **Shelton’s Barn**. In fact, Marvin and Jeanene were invited to attend the Shelton family reunion which had a 1920’s theme with family members dressing in period costumes enjoying lots of good food and being entertained by the fabulous **Dueling Pianos.** Approximately 100 guests enjoyed this special event.

 We met the new owners of the **Good Life RV Park** in Burke (next to the new First Assembly of God Church). Scott and Holly Saucedo are very personable and excited about their new venture which is now open for business. Scotty’s mother, Joan was also with them and they are all from Cedar Park, Texas near Austin. Remember to tell people where they can park their RVs when visiting in our area.

 Ben Merritt is our new pastor at Diboll First Baptist Church. He and some other guys were working on the parsonage one day and took time off for lunch at the roundtable. Pulled pork lunches prepared by the Burke Eastern Star were enjoyed by Ben Merritt, James Scott, Chad Chittum, Charles Barrow, David Goodwin, Glen Brown, Ray Paulsey and Mark Hafernick.

 The always cheerful and energetic Marty Harris came in with her husband Tom to buy deer pellets. Colorado pintos have been very popular with the advent of Covid-19. Some of those buying these beans included Travis Smith from Corrigan; Hollie (Lyles) Clark; Sherri Paresa; Matt Reppond; Marion Corley; Vernon Swor; Charlotte Parish; Gary Jones; Joe Parish; Lois Trevathan; Ben Merritt and Dennis Lenderman.

 Please remember Pouland’s The Everything Store is open to serve you and has feed and supplies available for all your animals but no toilet paper or paper towels.

 Come see us…’round the table.