

# Kennard Coming Together

## *Kennard Churches Unite in Hosting Community Dinner*



Kennard resident Richard Boling (left) gets his plate filled by (l-r) Tonya Morris, her husband, Kennard Baptist Church Pastor Randal Morris, and Shirley Johnson. (Eric Cox photo)



Over 180 Kennard residents turned out for Kennard's second annual community dinner, sponsored by Kennard Christian Church, Kennard Friends Church and Kennard Baptist Church. (Eric Cox photo)



Volunteers Virginia Ellis, Mary Cole and Linda Harris share a laugh as they hand out paper plates and rolls during Saturday's community dinner. (Eric Cox photo)

Kennard Christian Church, Kennard Friends Church and Kennard Baptist Church teamed up Saturday to host the town's second annual Community Dinner.

The event, free to all Kennard residents, featured a hot meal which included pulled pork, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and drinks.

Kennard residents Duane and Beverly Elliott donated a hog for the dinner. The other food was donated, prepared and served by the churches and their volunteers.

"We want this to be an event that brings the community together, at least for a little while," said Ron Womack, a Kennard resident.

And while the event didn't grow much in comparison to last year's, volunteers said they did serve a

few more people this year.

"We served about 175 last year," said Glenna Womack. "This year, we got up to about 180, which is good. Plus, we saw some faces this year that we didn't see last year and that makes you feel good."

Preparation of the hog began Friday evening, according to Womack. Kennard resident John Ryan and his son, Ron, who brought his hog cooker from out of state especially for Saturday's dinner, began cooking the pig at 5 p.m. Friday. Nine hours later, at 2 a.m. Saturday morning, the father and son team checked its progress and found it was done. This reporter sampled some of the product and found it moist and succulent with a good smoky flavor. The side dishes were equally satisfying.



Kennard resident Shirley Wagner and granddaughter Alisa Bussberg share some time Saturday morning. (Eric Cox photo)



Charles A. Beard schools Superintendent Dr. David McGuire (left) visits with CAB School Board Member Ron Womack (center) and Kennard Friends Church Pastor Jake Brown. (Eric Cox photo)