

Tira News

By Jan Vaughn

Tiffany Joslin asked me to share the following with our readers:

“The Christmas season is upon us, with all the tree trimming, parties, shopping,

etc. To our surprise, someone decided to take their presents from our yard. Our sons had two motorcycles stolen on Monday. Let this be a reminder to everyone, that there are people who will rob you of your possessions — but they can't rob you of the joy you have in Jesus Christ, who is the true reason for the season. Merry Christmas from the Malcolm Joslin family!”

The two motorcycles that were stolen were a red Honda 50 and a yellow Suzuki 125. We would like to ask anyone who may have seen any suspicious activity around the Joslin home on Monday, or who may notice the appearance of either of these motorcycles in the coming days, to notify us or the sheriff's department (903-438-4040). We have heard about a theft and some suspicious activities in our neighboring communities, also. We want to warn everyone to secure their property and keep an eye out for possible illegal activities in their area.

Floyd and Martha Payton attended the Retired Fireman's Luncheon at the Training Center in Fort Worth on Saturday. Martha reports that it's “always a fun time visiting with Floyd's fire hall buddies and friends we have met over a 30-year period.” There were 153 in attendance, with the oldest fireman at age 93 years old. She says it is “always a good day!”

The Birthright United Methodist Church's Christmas party was held on Sunday night, Dec. 14, at the church. Joyce Goldsmith reports, “The food was good, as always, and we had a good group in attendance. We had a wonderful time as we ate, sang Christmas carols, exchanged gifts, and celebrated the birth of Jesus.”

J.R. and Donna Durst had weekend guests on Dec. 6 and 7. Donna's Mother, Jo Hasty, and her sister, Karen Fitzhugh, both from Athens, came for a visit. “Of course, they were really coming to see and spend time with Casey and Tiffany's new son, Joseph,” Donna says. “Aunt

Amy and Uncle Kyle” from Oklahoma also joined in on the fun. Donna, Karen and Tiffany got to play a lot of cards while "Granny" was more than willing to hold her great-grandson. We are all anxiously awaiting the birth of Amy and Kyle's baby boy in a few weeks.”

Mary Rawson met Billy and Nell Crowson at their home in Sulphur Springs last Wednesday, and they all attended the City National Bank Christmas Brunch at The Lodge. Afterward, Mary went with Nell and other “Red Hatters” to tour Mary Bonham’s beautiful home. Mary reports that Gwen Karney, also of Tira, is a member of the group and participated in the tour. Mrs. Bonham offered the guests refreshments, and at the end of the tour she gave each of them a beautiful, red cellophane-wrapped jar of homemade strawberry preserves.

After shopping in Greenville on Friday evening, I met some members of my Sunday School class from First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab to deliver Christmas gifts and do some caroling for the residents. Afterward, the ladies went on the Hi King Club Tour of Homes. Each home was beautiful and unique, and we had a great time!

Next Wednesday will be Christmas Eve. I suppose the column will run as usual, but I’m not sure, so I will wish you an early Merry Christmas!

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