

Martha Payton reports, "The Tira Methodist Church will be observing Candlelight Service on Wednesday night at six-thirty p.m. Everyone is welcome."

Leigh Ann Gammill reported having a 4-wheeler stolen last week. She said that one of her neighbors had the same experience. I am happy to report that the sheriff's department has notified us that the criminals have been apprehended and one of our motorcycles has been returned to us. The Gammill's 4-wheeler has been recovered, also, among other items that were taken by the same people. I would still encourage everyone not to let down their guard, but continue to keep a close eye on their possessions.

On Sunday morning Sherry Smiddy and Powell Vickery celebrated Christmas by hosting a brunch with part of the family. Sherry reports, "Attending were David, Deana, Cody and Faith Vickery from Paris; Anna Hines from Irving; Jana Johnson and Mike from Durant, Oklahoma; Ean from Irving; Bobby, Garrett, Payton and Braely Vickery from Sulphur Springs; Chris, Jenna, Ally, Brayden, and Emma Vickery from Sulphur Springs; Steven, Cheryl, Madison, Bryson, Ethan and Owen Vickery from Sulphur Springs; Todd Johnson and Christi from Waco; Chanse and Cailun Fite; and Jarett Dewitt from Baytown." That night Sherry and Powell had more family arrive.

Tara Petty and Mike Owen from Rowlett, Aysha and Brandy Day and Daylee and Cody Fite came for dinner. Cailun, Cody, Aysha, Jarett, and Daylee presented a Christmas program, which was "quite entertaining."

Robert, Yvonne, and Wesley Weir and Alice Hall traveled to Little Elm Friday night and enjoyed being with Ryan and Destri Main. The next day the Campbell family and Natalie Kuffner came and they opened gifts and then went to Frisco where they enjoyed the beautiful lights and Wesley enjoyed riding the train, in spite of the extreme cold weather. They also enjoyed a Mexican dinner.

Sandra Wester and Suzan Miller went to Garland Saturday morning to the home of Rick and Susan Rogers to celebrate the Wester family Christmas. Other family members present were John, Erin, and Rebecca Rogers; Mary Lou, Joe, Jill, Chelsea, Randy, and Alyssa Jeter; Peggy Deaton; Kay, Katherine, and Abby Gentsch; Dan, Patti, Christopher and Davis Deaton; Glyn and James Withrow; Linda Andrasko; Kelly Lawrence; Karyn and Steve Horne; and Joe and

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Ruby Wester.

Saturday afternoon Suzan and Sandra went to Mesquite to the home of Barry, Carolyn and Cassie Miller to celebrate with the Miller family. Sue and Jeff Peeters, Patti, Tommy, and Kristie Wiebold, and Kristie's friend, Joe, were also there to enjoy the family gathering.

On Saturday night Suzan and Sandra attended the wedding of Cassy Withrow and Dennis Chappell at the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson. They returned home Sunday afternoon after visiting with Karyn and Steve Horne Sunday morning and touring their new home in McKinney.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed news for these columns during 2008 and express my thanks to the readers, too. Merry Christmas!

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