

A good crowd gathered at the Tira Methodist Church for the annual homecoming on Sunday, July 7. Leroy Reaves served as the master of ceremonies. Linda Garner led the group in the congregational hymns. Floyd Payton presided over the Tira Cemetery

Association business meeting. Mark Chapman and Jan Vaughn were reelected to the cemetery board. Doris Moon provided entertainment with her beautiful piano solo. Dusty Evans honored the families of those buried in the Tira Cemetery during the past year. Several people shared memories of growing up in Tira.

Following the program and meeting, the group gathered at the picnic tables for a potluck lunch. Martha Payton adds, "We missed those that are regulars but were unable to attend. Floyd wishes to thank everyone for attending the homecoming and the ones who participated in the program." The church and cemetery grounds were nicely manicured thanks to Floyd Lawson, Rick Petty, Mick Petty and Brian Adams.

Floyd and Martha Payton enjoyed visits from Regina Payton of Victoria and Eric Payton from San Diego. They were busy helping prepare for the homecoming. They had dinner at White Oak Buffet on Saturday night. Regina returned home on Sunday afternoon. Eric left for Keller on Monday morning to visit with his parents, who were unable to attend the homecoming due to their work schedule.

Tanya Dodd is attending job training in Florida for a few days.

Joan Melton celebrated her 80th party at Hampton Inn on Saturday, July 6. Joan Melton celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday, July 6. Her daughter, Sharon Weir Mirick, shared that she had a "gorgeous cake topped with butterflies, gorgeous flowers and lots of yummy goodies." The theme for her party was "Down Memory Lane." The tables were decorated in a shade of purple and adorned with butterflies and pictures from her past. Local attendees included Joyce Dodd, Betty Weir, Danny and Debra Evans, and Jim and Linda Garner. She was surprised by many friends she had not seen in many years. Joan also received many beautiful cards from friends and family who were unable to attend. Joyce Dodd commented that there was a good turn-out for the party.

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The descendants of Alfred and Fannie Vaughn will gather at the North Hopkins School Cafeteria on July 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for a family reunion. Relatives are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Mary Lou, Joe, Jill and Chelsea Jeter visited Sandra Wester over the weekend. They arrived Saturday afternoon and enjoyed visiting before going to Pecan Gap for dinner at The Fish Place. They all attended the Tira Homecoming Sunday morning. The Jetters returned to Temple Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Wester enjoyed lunch on Tuesday at Los Mochis in Sulphur Springs, along with Wynelle Belz, Catheron Camper, Mary Sue Clayton, Virginia Julie Miller, Gale Milligan, Betty Weir and Jonell Willis.

On July 4, Chip and I took our grandson, Morgan Joslin, and his friend, Eric Fox, to Nacogdoches for the Texas Wing Cadet Glider Academy. (They had just returned the day before, from Civil Air Patrol Encampment in Bastrop.) After we left Nacogdoches, we met Tiffany, Kenden and Jaidyn Joslin at Holly Lake Resort near Hawkins. We enjoyed the amenities, including swimming, mini-golf and archery. They had a wonderful fireworks display over the lake on Friday night, and then we returned home on Saturday and attended the Tira Homecoming on Sunday.

I always need and appreciate input from my friends to help keep me informed of news in our community. If you have any news pertaining to Tira residents, past or present, please contact me, Jan Vaughn, at 903-945-2190 or 903-438-6688 or janvaughn73@gmail.com.