

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Sandra Wester, who passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 8. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Tira Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors at

Tira Community Center immediately following the service. The family would like encourage everyone to join them for light refreshments. Please remember the family in prayers. An online guestbook is also available on the West Oaks Funeral Home website.

Also, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Donald Wayne Lewis, who passed away on Aug. 30. I was unaware at the time, but I appreciate his sister-in-law, Rachel Lewis, sending me the information last week. Don was born in Tira on April 2, 1937, to Barney and Edna Lewis. Don and his wife of 58 years, Leah, settled in Mansfield, where they raised their family. Memorials can be made to Community Hospice of Texas, 6100 Western Place, Suite 105, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Family and friends gathered on Saturday, Sept. 28, to celebrate Kenneth Vaden's 90th birthday. The party was given by his daughters, Theresa Copeland and Tamae Cisneros. About 30 people attended and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Nancy Potts says, "Happy birthday, Uncle Kenneth. We love you!"

Troy Smith's sister Geneva Obbards and her daughter Cindy Dupuis from Visalia, California, are visiting with Troy and Georgia. Georgia commented that they were "not doing anything special ... just chit-chatting and enjoying being together."

Addey Owens, granddaughter of Judy and Randy Roberts and daughter of Lesley Owens, was crowned 2013 Cumby Pee Wee Trojans Homecoming Queen on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the half-time ceremonies. She is one of the cheerleaders for the team. Sherry Smiddy and Daylee Fite were there to watch, and then after the ceremonies Addey, Judy, Sherry, and Daylee went to see Lion King at the Music Hall at Fair Park in Dallas. Judy reports, "Everyone had a great time and the show was awesome. Addey participated in a Hula Hoop contest with Disney Radio before the show started."

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Floyd and Martha Payton visited Martha's brother, Von Honzell, in Wylie on Tuesday. They went out for lunch, and then toured Southfork Ranch during the afternoon.

Mary Rawson and I enjoyed a wonderful trip to Plano on Saturday to visit Pete and Dorreice Shuptrine. She had homemade fried pies for us when we arrived that morning. Later we went out for lunch at the Black-eyed Pea, and then went back to the house for home made ice cream that afternoon.

I was treated to a delicious birthday lunch, prepared by Chip, on Sunday. Also helping me celebrate were Grace Vaughn, Malcolm, Tiffany, Kenden, Jaidyn, Landon, Rylan and Brailon Joslin and Laiken Gammill. Morgan Joslin was in Nacogdoches at a Civil Air Patrol Camp over the weekend.

The North Hopkins high school volleyball team will be playing against Cumby at home on Friday, Oct. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Former North Hopkins students and teachers are encouraged to make plans to attend the Alumni Homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 2. The Class of 1963 will be honored for their 50th reunion. Watch for more details soon.

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.