

The Community Christmas Party is this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Tira Community Center. We will be collecting canned food (preferably gallon-size) for the Meal-a-Day program in Sulphur Springs. Brisket and tea will be provided. Residents should bring side dishes and desserts. Following the meal, Santa Claus is scheduled to make a stop to visit with the kids.

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Wynnell Chapman (sister of the late Lynn Chapman). She will be buried in the Tira Cemetery this Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. This is all I know at this point.

We also want to offer our condolences to Floyd and Martha Payton, in the loss of their nephew, Ron Petty, of Longview. His funeral is also scheduled for Saturday. Please remember both of these families in your prayers.

On Thursday, Sherry Smiddy and Powell Vickery enjoyed a wonderful day full of food, family and fun. Those attending were Anna Hines from Irving; Jana Johnson from Durant, Okla.; David, Deanna, Cody and Faith Vickery from Paris; Carley, Garret, Payton and Braely Vickery, Shelley, Justin, Tinley, Corbin and Graci Adair, Brandon, Tiffany, Stormy, Angel and Lyric Johnson, all from Sulphur Springs; Chanse, Cody and Daylee Fite, Brandi, Aysha, Kathy and James Day. Tara Petty-Owens and Mike came by later in the day for a visit, too. Sherry comments, "Thank goodness for the beautiful weather and the kids could play outside."

Floyd and Martha Payton enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with a visit from Regina Payton of Victoria and Brad and Virginia Payton from Keller. Martha's family gathered at the Community Center for a nice Thanksgiving dinner and visit with all the families. There were 28 who attended this year. Martha says, "We are very thankful for the opportunity to gather each year. In a period of one year, three were taken to be with the Lord."

Robert, Yvonne, Dakota and Wesley Weir spent the long Thanksgiving weekend in Hot Springs, Ark. They especially enjoyed Garvin Woodlands with the beautiful lights. The Weir Thanksgiving was held at Dacy Campbell's house on the 24th. Dustin and Natalie Weir; Destri Weir and Gabe Blazes; and Robert, Yvonne and Wesley attended.

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Judy Petty reports, "Thanksgiving at the Petty's was great! We had a house full — Chris, Robin, Tyler, Trever and Trey Petty from Cedar Park; Ronnie, Amy, Mitchell and Macy Green from Cooper; Mike and Tara Petty from Rockwall; James, Reagan, Hesston Humphrey and Fay Burns from Sulphur Springs; and Mick and Linda Petty, Betty Lawson, Billy Joe Clayton, all from Tira. On Friday night, most of the group went to Royse City to see the Cooper Bulldogs play football. Cooper was playing for regional and won over Scurry-Rosser. This is the first time Cooper has won this title. Very exciting."

Our family celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday on Friday. Joining us for lunch were Delayne Vaughn of Waco; Grace Vaughn and Liz Steinsiek of Sulphur Springs; Linda Ellen Vaughn of Dallas; Michael, Tracy, Jordyn, Madison and Lani Horn of San Antonio; and Tiffany, Morgan, Kenden, Jaidyn, Landon, Laiken, Rylan and Brailon Joslin of Tira.

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.