

The Rev. Harold and Charlotte Craig celebrated their 50th anniversary at their home in Tira, with a come-and-go reception on Dec. 13-14. Friends and family showered them with cards. Guests enjoyed punch, cupcakes and chocolate strawberries to celebrate the event.

They were married Dec. 6, 1963, in Sulphur Springs and they have three children — David Craig and spouse Dawn of Shreveport; Danny Craig and spouse Sherry of Tira; and Dana Scott of Moore, Okla. They have seven grandchildren — Stephen Craig, Hannah Craig, Caleb Craig, Adam Craig, Destiny Scott, Dylan Scott and Trey Craig.

The Weirs had an early Christmas get-together Sunday afternoon. Those attending included Joyce Dodd; Michael McNeil; Maegan, Alyssa, Gavin and Ethan Shelton; Joe Vicars; Robert, Yvonne, Wesley, Dustin and Natalie Weir; Dacy, Elise and Eli Campbell; Mary Helen Atwood; Kelly and Madison Moss; and Dana, Kaden and Kaitlynn Murray. Joyce says, “We enjoyed snack food, a gift exchange, and just being together to share memories of Christmas past and memories of our mom and dad.”

I would like to express my appreciation to Deanna Hasten, a member of the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild in Sulphur Springs, for letting me know that Gwen Karney’s Christmas collection — quilts, wall hangings, decorations and a Christmas vest — are on display throughout the month of December, in the downtown window of the old tax office, next to Plain and Fancy Sandwich Shop. One of her quilts, “Poinsettia in the Round,” won the President’s Award at the 2013 quilt show. When shopping on the square, take time to admire our neighbor’s handiwork!

I spoke to Mary Rawson on Tuesday night and got a report on her Thanksgiving. She and Troy and Georgia Smith and Joyce Johnson celebrated the holiday with Jimmy and Helen Smith in Greenville.

Students at North Hopkins school will be released at 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-20, prior to the Christmas holidays. They will return to class on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The staff will return on the 6th for inservice.

It’s hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. This time next week many families will be

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gathering for a time of eating and exchanging gifts. I would like to take this opportunity remind us all to focus on the reason for the celebration, Christ's birth and to wish you blessings during the holidays and throughout the new year.

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.