

TIRA NEWS

By Jan Vaughn

The annual community Christmas party is scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tira Community Center. Canned goods, preferably gallon-sized,

will be collected for the Meal-a-Day program in Sulphur Springs. Santa Claus is expected to arrive at 7:15 p.m. to visit with the children. Tira Methodist Church Pastor Ed Dodd will be sharing the Christmas story. Brisket will be furnished, with attendees bringing side dishes and desserts. Come and enjoy a time of visiting with your neighbors.

The quarterly Tira City Council meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. After a brief business session, the group will be decorating the community center for the Christmas party. Mayor John Hadley would like to encourage everyone to come and help with the decorating.

Joseph Warren Durst, son of Casey and Tiffany Durst, was born last Wednesday afternoon. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Tiffany says that he has a full head of beautiful auburn hair and he has his days and nights mixed up. He came two weeks early, but both mother and baby are doing well. His grandparents are J.R. and Donna Durst of Tira and Jim and Ellen Rich of Emblem. He is the great-grandson of Cecil Rich of Sulphur Springs and Jo Hasty of Athens.

Judy and Randy Roberts took Judy's mother, Agnes Ponder, out to eat for Thanksgiving. On Friday Judy and Randy went to Cash to the home of Randy's sister, Joye Shivers, and had Thanksgiving with Randy's family. Attending were Randy's sister, Delilah Henderson, and Crystal from Conroe; Nelda Brown from Quitman; and Thumper Holly, Katy, Kaitlyn and Brooklyn from Washington.

Joyce Goldsmith reports, "Birthright United Methodist Church was so happy with the response we received for our Thanksgiving lunch. The turnout was very good. We received a blessing from preparing, serving and delivering the food to ones who could not come to the church to eat. We already look forward to next Thanksgiving when we can do this again."

Floyd and Martha Payton enjoyed a Thanksgiving gathering with Martha's family at the Pine Community Center near Pittsburg. There were 22 in attendance and several dropped by for a visit after lunch.

Kadee Melton was in Waco at the Texas Junior Livestock Association Fall Classic on Thursday and Friday. She showed her heifers and received two second in class awards with her Polled Hereford heifer Aggie Girl and two third in class with her Horned Hereford heifer Chula. Kevin and Dee Melton and Micah Walker were there to watch.

Mary Rawson, Georgia and Troy Smith, Jimmy, Helen, and Chandler Smith, Dorothy Clem (Helen's mother), and Danny and Judy Rawson celebrated Thanksgiving with Joyce Johnson in Mesquite on Thursday. Danny and Judy came to Tira and stayed until Saturday with Danny's mother, Mary.

Malcolm, Tiffany, Landon, Morgan, Kenden and Jaidyn Joslin joined Chip and I to enjoy an early "Thanksgiving" meal with Elizabeth Steinsiek and Michael, Tracy, Jordyn, Madison and Lani Horn at Juan Pablo's on Nov. 16. Michael and his family were in the process of moving from Virginia Beach to Colorado Springs, where Michael will be stationed for a couple of years. Malcolm, Tiffany and family, and Delayne Vaughn of Waco had Thanksgiving dinner with Chip and me on Wednesday night. Chip, Delayne and I took lunch to Broken Bow, Okla., on Thursday and celebrated with Chip's mother, Grace Vaughn, while Jim and Sandra Vaughn and Ronald and Mary Denny were on a trip to Branson. Malcolm and Landon went deer hunting on Thanksgiving morning, and both shot a deer. Malcolm, Tiffany and the kids had lunch with Malcolm's family at his sister, Roxanne's, house on Thursday. Landon spent a couple of days with his friend, Mason Rogers, in Princeton. Delayne, Morgan, Kenden and Jan spent Friday afternoon at the indoor water park at the Villages Resort on Lake Palestine. Malcolm, Tiffany and Jaidyn shopped in Tyler on Friday.

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