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People in the Reilly Springs community are enjoying the nice spring-like weather that we've been blessed with this past week, and it has many out gardening or getting the ground ready to plant in the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, others in the community are working feverishly to get their animals ready for the 2011 Northeast Texas Livestock Association Market Show. The youth will be taking their animals to the Civic Center on Thursday and will be showing both Thursday and Friday with hopes of making the Sale of Champions on Saturday at 3 p.m. I heard from Jessie Williams this week, and he'll be showing his market goat in the NETLA Show this weekend, with hopes of making the sale.

Another sure sign of impending springtime is the arrival of the daffodils. They're blooming at nearly every old home place in our community, the remnants of our ancestor. Every time I observe a bunch of daffodils, out in the middle of a pasture, I'm reminded that once a family lived there, worked, played and dreamed, just like us, despite the hardships that many of them were forced to endure, because of the time. However, they left behind a world of memories and a beauty that we can still enjoy today, with the first signs of spring, each year.

One resident called and related that their japonica bush was in full bloom, another significant sign that spring won't be too far off.

If you haven't had the opportunity to "play hooky" in the past few days, it will do your soul good, just to get out in the warm weather, spend an afternoon in the woods or walking beside the road, looking at the new life that is beginning to renew our earth.

I heard from Marilee Fisher this week, and she related that Bryant was in Charlotte, North Carolina, at Dairy Farmers of America meeting, as he represents this region of the state on that board. J.R. Fisher celebrated his 31st birthday on Monday. Somehow, he isn't quite as proud of those birthdays as he once was. Ten years ago, he was certainly happy for his birthday. However, once you hit the "3-0" they seem to get faster and aren't quite as meaningful as they once were. Happy birthday, J.R.

Lester Coker of Yantis celebrates his 100th birthday today and continues to inspire everyone. He went dancing last night and danced around the floor with his great-granddaughter, Mary Humphrey. Part of what keeps him going and young, he indicates, is going dancing at least once a week. Happy birthday, Lester.

I heard from Vera Harrington this week, and she's been busy enjoying the nice weather.

"I'm getting caught up on all those chores that I put off during the ice and freezing temperatures," Vera said. "I may have to have some more cold weather just to catch my breath."

Vera also reported that she'd visited with Mitzi by telephone and that she was somewhat better as she continues to deal with a shattered kneecap. She's still on crutches but has learned how to maneuver on them much better.

"At least I'm mobile now," Mitzi said.

Vera is also looking forward to a visit from the granddaughters and Mary during their upcoming spring break.

Debra Stribling reported celebrating a nice and quiet anniversary celebration, as Ol' David took her out to eat and "the weather was wonderful."

I saw Delores Miller on Saturday night as she attend the Relay for Life Cancer Survivors Dinner at First United Methodist Church. She related some great food and a fun time.

Until next week, continue to enjoy the weather and the "rebirth of spring." Remember our troops who defend our freedoms, and ask for them an extra measure of safety and a return trip home. Pray for love in our hearts, harmony in our community, and peace in our land. God bless Reilly Springs, Hopkins County and America.