

Reilly Springs News for Jan. 18, 2012

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The Reilly Springs community has been enjoying some nice weather over the past seven days despite colder temperatures to begin this week.

Many folks in Reilly Springs enjoyed a holiday Monday in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. A number of people from this community attended the MLK Awards presentation Monday night at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Our own Yvonne King was recognized with both the Achievement Award and the Political Award. Congratulations to Yvonne.

The Miller family has been in the spotlight this week, with Delores Miller winning second prize in the homemade pie contest at the "Chili Bowl" Saturday night for her delicious pecan pie. Meanwhile, Tonya Ross took honorable mention in the contest.

I visited with Mary Koon for a few minutes this week. She reported that Brodie continues to improve a little bit each day and is beginning to get some of his strength back. Continue to remember Brodie in your thoughts and prayers as he recuperates at home.

Mary wanted to express her thanks to all who have called, sent cards and "been so nice" to them during Brodie's illness. "Everyone has just been great," said Mary. "And I couldn't have never made it without all of the help from the kids."

Speaking of the "Koon Kids," Sheila Koon had a birthday this past week. Sheila it's been along time since you were the Lady Hornet basketball star. Happy birthday to Sheila.

I heard from Marilee Fisher this week, and she was looking forward to a visit from J.R. and Vanessa. They'll be spending next week here in Hopkins County before moving to Washington state, where J.R. has accepted a position with COBA/Select Sires.

Bryant Fisher and Lynn Ramsey are in Arlington today at a Southern Milk meeting as representatives of Dairy Farmers of America.

Blake and Kendra were planning a road trip this weekend to get away for a few days and enjoy

some time with friends.

"Keep on bringing the hogs" was the word from Blake. "We're still processing hogs, and folks continue to enjoy the sausage and other meats that we've been making. It's been a great season for hogs, so maybe we're thinning out the population a little bit."

Enola Gay called wanting to remind everyone of the Reilly Springs Jamboree this Saturday night. She promised a great lineup of local talent and a great time to be enjoyed in Reilly Springs. Get out your boots and plan on making it to the Jamboree this weekend.

I visited with Marci Owens this week, and she and Angie Jenkins reported a great weekend for the "Backroad Bandits," who had a mini-tour last weekend. They performed in Fort Worth on Thursday night, Austin on Friday night, and back in Denison on Saturday night.

Angie also reported that Barbara Burrows had her surgery this week. Continue to pray for Barbara and wish her a speedy recovery.

I just missed the Backroad Bandits, as I arrived in Fort Worth on Friday, and enjoyed a night in the Fort Worth Stockyards and a trip to the stock show and parade on Saturday morning. I did learn that former Miller Grove native Franklin Johnson is now one of the cowboys that drives the longhorns down the streets in the Stockyards, quite a neat job.

Several youths from Hopkins County were at the Fort Worth Stock Show this past weekend exhibiting their animals in the Dairy Show. Several others will be showing their market animals and breeding beef cattle. The show continues through Feb. 4.

Vera Harrington has been busy attending to activities of the granddaughters, making several trips to Waxahachie.

I visited with Sandi Wallace on Tuesday. She is enduring the downtown square being torn-up

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in front of her business, Plain 'N' Fancy Sandwich Shoppe. She invited everyone to "wade through" the construction work, or you can enter the shop from a rear entrance that they've created for your convenience during this phase of downtown construction.

Several from the Reilly Springs community traveled to North Hopkins on Tuesday night to support the Yantis Owls and Lady Owls in basketball. They returned home with wins for both the Owls and Lady Owls. Both teams are enjoying a successful district record thus far in the season.

Several people from this community attended the visitation and funeral for Linda Maddox this week. Linda was a friend to all and will be sorely missed. This is extending our sympathy to her family.

Until next week, enjoy the cooler temperatures and look forward to spring. It won't be long until time to get the garden ready to plant Irish potatoes and onions.

Remember our troops who defend our freedoms and ask for them an extra measure of safety and a safe 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.