

I visited with Yvonne King and Delores Miller on Tuesday at the Northeast Texas Livestock Association Buyers' Luncheon, and like everyone else they are busy. Roy and Yvonne are actively involved with the show, and Delores was helping with the Farm Bureau-sponsored luncheon.

Yvonne also served as Mistress of Ceremony for the luncheon. "This is everyone's opportunity to support the young leaders of our community," said Yvonne. "These kids have worked all year to raise their animal projects and have spent hours of dedication as they've participated in the projects. Our opportunity to support them is at the Sale of Champions on Saturday and when they show their animals in their classes Thursday and Friday."

Check for a schedule of the Market Show classes and come out and support the youth, visit with them, and learn just what some outstanding youths we have in Hopkins County.

Happy birthday greetings are extended to J.R. Fisher, all the way up in Washington State. J.R. celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday.

Bryant and Marilee Fisher are in Irving today at the Southern Milk Marketing Meeting, but they've got to hurry back home to see to 42 new baby goats. There's soon to be plenty of dairy goat milk at Fisher Farms as the "kidding" season has arrived.

"I think it was J.R.'s idea to go in the goat milk business, and where is he now?" said Bryant. "The goats are about to work us to death."

Blake and Kendra have "goat duty" while Bryant and Marilee are in Irving.

Marilee's aunt, Sue Gill, from Boyd is visiting this week, with Ethel Winton and Marilee. Of course, they were glad to see her. They enjoyed a shopping trip on Monday and going out to eat.

I received a nice visit from Mary Koon this week. She was out running some errand and dropped by the office. She reported that Brody continues to improve, slowly, but still needs everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Mar reported that all of her family were doing well and that she'd received some awfully sweet valentines from Muleshoe that had been signed by Landri.

There was a large crowd of patrons to enjoy the show at Saturday night's Reilly Springs Jamboree. This show featured a Valentine's Day theme and attracted a number of local talent entries. "Cousin Cedric," who tended to favor Ronny Glossup, was "on hand" to steal the show. He gave a number of things to think about and even provided the crowd with a rendition of "the twist" and a break dance that he claimed were popular when he was in high school. "That boy ain't right." exclaimed Yvonne King.

Everyone also enjoyed the song by former Hopkins County Agricultural Agent Larry Spradlin. It's good to see Larry able to get out and enjoy performing and traveling again.

During the show a cake and pie auction was held to make repairs to the Reilly Springs Schoolhouse restrooms. The top prize cake, made by Julie Miller, brought a nice price, and the top pie, a "Butterfinger Cream," made by Tonya Ross, also added to the fund. Delores Miller won second place in the pie category with her famous pecan pie. Congratulations to all, and thanks are extended to the buyers who helped to make the money available.

I haven't heard from Vera Harringto, this week, so that means that she must be in Waxahachie visiting the granddaughters. They're probably involved in a number of school activities.

I had an eye-opening experience, last night. I was traveling an unfamiliar road between Tyler and Hawkins when I topped a hill and there was a four-way stop sign that was upon me, before I knew it. There was no way to stop and I ran it. I pulled over beside the road, said a prayer, and decided that I needed to get my priorities in order. There is nothing that important to be in such a hurry. We all need these wake-up calls every now and then to get our life focused on the important things.

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Remember our troops who defend our freedoms and ask for them an extra measure of safety and a safe return home, with all of the unrest in Afghanistan. Pray for love in our hearts, harmony in our community, and peace in our land. God bless Reilly Springs, Hopkins County, and America.