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Reilly Springs residents continue to celebrate spring, as everyone seems to be mowing their yards and working in their gardens and flowerbeds following last week's rains.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Hyde, who passed away Tuesday following a long, hard-fought battle with diabetes and kidney failure. For those of us who attended Sulphur Springs High School in the 1970s, Kenneth was our high school biology teacher and made "cutting up a frog" loads of fun. In the Reilly Springs community, Kenneth was a neighbor and fellow dairy farmer who continued to be our friend following high school. Arrangements are pending with West Oaks Funeral Home. We send our prayers to Sharlotte, Heath, Dusty and the remainder of the family. Kenneth will be sorely missed.

Marilee Fisher reports she and her friends are looking forward to a "Hill Country Getaway," as they are headed to Fredricksburg this weekend. Marilee has been seeking information on the best routes to take to see wildflowers.

Kendra and Blake Fisher are working hard at the goat dairy, as they continue to have more and more baby goats. Kendra has been busy playing surrogate mother to several of the baby goats and has her hands full bottle-feeding them. They have also found a processor from the Metroplex that is purchasing all of their goat milk, so they will no longer be selling it "off the farm."

Bryant is busy getting the ground ready to plant peas and other vegetables, with hopes of a much more profitable year in 2012. "Hopefully we're going to have a crop," Bryant said, "and will get the rain we need to grow them."

Marilee had also heard from J.R. in Washington State, and things were going great there.

Jan Lawrence, Abby Kirby, and Kobi and Reagan are headed to Hopkins County to spend the weekend. Abby has begun her teaching assignment, so the trip will be shorter than first expected. They plan to arrive on late Thursday night and return on Sunday. Joyce McDonald has plans to accompany them to Canton sometime over the weekend, and they plan to meet up with family and friends here in Hopkins County.

I visited with Vera Harrington for a few minutes this morning, and she said Mary and the

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granddaughters had enjoyed spending some time at Fossil Kingdom near Glen Rose during spring break. The granddaughters had plenty of stories to share with Vera.

Bobby Price and Vera had a nice visit with their sister, Marie, over the weekend. Bobby's new house on Kelli Circle is about ready to move into. "I told him he was on his own with moving," Vera said. "I might can be persuaded to be a little bit of moral support, but not much help lifting furniture and boxes."

Vera reported that Vickie Price had been home visiting with Bobby, while Gregg and Debbie Price had been in Seattle, Wash., and Canada on a nice vacation.

Meanwhile, Vera reported grass growing and things "looking good" as she was getting ready to poison weeds in her hay meadows. "I'm not complaining," she said. "It's even nice to see weeds growing after last summer," said Vera.

Until next week, enjoy the blessing of spring and look forward to Easter in about 10 days. Remember our troops who defend our freedoms and ask for them an extra measure of safety and a safe return home. Pray for love in our hearts, harmony in our community and peace in our land.

God bless Reilly Springs, Hopkins County and America.