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Project Runway's Sergio Guadarrama Headlines

Toast of the Town CELEBRATION

On Thursday, May 12th, 40 guests donned their most fashionable attire for a once in a lifetime runway experience featuring Project Runway finalist Sergio Guadarrama and his dazzling couture label, Celestino.

Sergio has dressed celebrities such as Kim Kardashian, Amber Rose, and Billy Porter. His innovative concepts, upcycled luxury fabrics, and unconventional details have been praised in Vogue and The New York Times.

The exclusive "Couture Night" fundraiser was co-hosted by **Anna** and **Matthew Lee**, **Tom** & **Shonnery Pettit**, **Lesa** and **Bill Rossick**, and **Sydney Lich** on the 55th floor of the Austontonian Club.

During the event, Sergio showed off the collection he created for his Project Runway finale. Special guest **Matt Swinney**, founder of Austin Fashion Week, moderated the event while Chef **Daniel Gasper** of the Emmer and Rye Group prepared a suite of small plates to accompany the show. All the while, the venue's breathtaking panoramic view of downtown Austin provided the perfect backdrop for the elegant fundraiser.

Proceeds from the event go toward the St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship Fund.

All proceeds underwrite college scholarships for Central Texas students pursuing their dreams of a health-related career.

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WESTSIDE STORIES

Bobby Earl Smith

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BY FORREST PREECE

Remember back in 1977 when everyone was tuning into Roots, the television show? Many people became instant experts on African history and knew what a griot is.

Fact is, Bobby Earl Smith is the local version of a griot, a master storyteller, especially when it comes to the music scene. Listening to him talk is entertaining -- it's like the fables and wisdom of the ages are being unspooled for you. He's a retired lawyer, a musician, and a songwriter.

He is also a brilliant writer who loves to do biographies about interesting people he has known; and yes, he is authoring a book right now full of human interest stories. (I'll be first in line to buy one.) Trust me, with him, you don't conduct an interview. You just turn on the recorder, hold on, and try not to interrupt too much.

Yes, Bobby Earl supplies a person with wide-ranging knowledge. For instance, I learned that he grew up in San Angelo, and their schools were among the first in the state to integrate after Brown v. Board of Education was decided by the United States Supreme Court in 1954. His dad, Earl W. Smith, was on the school board then. In January 1955 when the board was set to announce its unanimous decision to integrate the public schools, a car bombing in town killed the heiress of a prominent ranching family. That tragedy knocked the integration story off the front page of the local newspaper the next day and worked to their advantage, helping to avoid possible dissent.

When he turned 14 in 1957, Bobby Earl's Uncle Jim bought him a Martin guitar and the youngster, who was already a clarinet-playing member of the San Angelo Central Bobcat Band, started learning his new instrument. He enjoyed singers like Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Elvis, and Fats Domino. Soon, he had put together a folk group combo singing The Kingston Trio songbook. Then he and his buddies organized a rock and roll combo and played school dances and assemblies, making $10-$15 a pop. With an incentive like that, Bobby Earl realized that music might be a good lifetime pursuit.

In 1965, Bobby Earl was granted a fellowship in the UT School of Public Administration, later to become the LBJ School of Public Affairs. After a year of grad school, he went to work for 10 months at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Clear Lake during the Gemini program.

He entered UT Law School in June 1967, taking the required courses in contract law and torts. This was right after he had come from working for NASA for a year in contract procurement, so he thought he'd ace that first one. Wrong! He racked up a 68 on his first test in spite of studying like crazy, and he started questioning his place in the universe.

On many nights in this era, he would tell his wife Judy (they married in Acuff, Texas, in August 1965) that he was going to the law library to study. He'd cruise through the law library, find some like-minded pals and they would head to the Split Rail Inn, where beer was cheap, the onion rings were huge, and the music was flowing from Barney Tall and Roger Beck, Blind George McClain, or Kenneth Threadgill and the Hootenanny Hoots.

One night, a law school pal went up to the bandstand and told Barney Tall (Bernard Samuelson) and Roger Beck that Bobby Earl here plays and sings, and she suggested that they let him sit in for a number. That was the start of it all—soon he was sitting in with Barney and Roger, and Kenneth Threadgill's band too. Bobby Earl did earn his law degree and passed the bar exam, but music was his love. Fast forward to 1971-72 and a story that could be a case study for a class in the music business.

By this time, Bobby and his bands had played places like Club Caravan, Nero's Nook (a hot singles bar), and the NCO and Officers Clubs at Bergstrom Air Force Base, among others. Then his band "Dub and the Dusters" scored a gig at The One Knite on Red River, a club where Stubb's is now located. It featured Bobby Earl on bass and vocals, Kirby Gupton on lead guitar and vocals, Ronnie David "Ron" Howard on piano, and Freddy Fletcher, Bobbie Nelson's son, on drums. Freddy was still in high school at the time.

They had landed this job thanks to Bobby Earl doing some heavy selling of the club's owner, Roger "One Knite" Collins. He had begged for a chance and finally convinced Roger to let them have one night to make a good impression. Roger's perception of them was that they played too much country. But Bobby Earl knew that their mix of Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead, Merle Haggard, and "gut country" songs would work. "I just knew that hippies would like that mix. And I was right!" They clicked with the crowd and Roger started having them back.

One of the stipulations that went with that gig was that the breaks were exactly 15 minutes long. "Not sixteen," Bobby Earl says. Roger had long hair, but he ran a tight ship. Bands played strictly from 9 to 9:45, 10 to 10:45 and then 11-midnight, Sundays through Fridays and to 1 a.m. on Saturdays.

After working so hard to acquire it, Bobby was keen on keeping this gig going. On one occasion in February 1972, they had taken the first break and the rest of the guys were back on stage after 15 minutes, but Freddy was missing. Roger got on Bobby's case, saying they'd better start playing, stat.

Finally, Freddy showed up. It turns out he'd been hanging out with long, tall Marcia Ball from Louisiana. Freddy said,

An Austin all-star lineup takes the stage. Clifford Antone, James White (owner of the Broken Spoke), Bobby Earl Smith, and Ponty Bone on accordion.

"Man, I really like this woman – and I've heard she's a terrific talent! I want her to do a song with us!" Now Bobby was getting irritated. Having people sit in was against band rules. If they were no good, they'd make the band look bad – and if they were too good, they'd show them up.

But Bobby finally relented. He announced, "Folks, we have a guest singer who is going to sing with us tonight – make Marcia Ball feel welcome!" Yes, here she came up onto the stage. She was so shy that she retreated to the back, and all the audience could see was the bottom half of her jeans. Anyway, they did "Bobby McGee" and she brought the house down. About sixteen bars into the song, Bobby was getting goosebumps; and that was the start of a beautiful relationship.

Bobby Earl Smith and his wife Judy.

PHOTO BY JOE BRYSON.

It wasn't long until Dub and the Dusters broke up. Bobby Earl started hanging out with Marica and they traded off teaching each other songs. She mostly knew blues and he knew a lot of country, so they started assembling a solid repertoire. But they needed a band name. "What goes with Firedogs?" asked Bobby Earl. Freddy Fletcher said, "Freda." And that was it, Freda and the Firedogs.

Now serendipity kicked in. Marcia needed to have her piano moved for every gig and it took four guys to do it. Turns out that Guy Herman was friends with Marcia's husband, Bob Ball. Guy became part of the Firedogs piano moving crew. Guy was also the head of the bus drivers' union which was on strike against Transportation Enterprises which held the UT shuttle bus contract. Guy asked if Freda and the Firedogs would play a benefit gig at the Armadillo Beer Garden for the striking drivers. The Firedogs filled the beer garden, and they were off to the races. It was full houses from the get-go.

All of a sudden, things ramped up. They got a regular Sunday night gig at The Split Rail when Kenneth Threadgill gave up that coveted slot, and also had regular shows at the Hungry Horse, north of Scholz Garten on San Jacinto. One night in April 1972, Doug Sahm came over, listened to them, and liked what he heard. Soon they were both his opening act and his backup band. At this point, they took off like a shot out of a cannon.

By August, Doug had introduced them to Jerry Wexler at Atlantic Records. Jerry wanted them to do a demo tape at the legendary Robin Hood Brians' studio in Tyler. From Aug. 8-10 they laid down three original songs written by Bobby Earl, one by Angela Strehli, and one by Marcia's friend from Louisiana, Bobby "See You Later Alligator" Charles and some cover songs. The Firedogs' most popular songs were "Dry Creek Inn" sung by Bobby Earl, and "Fist City," "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad," and "Stand By Your Man," sung by Marcia–all on that Wexler-produced session. Mind you, this is just six months since Marcia had her guest sit-in at The One Knite.

The demos were so good that when Wexler took the tape back to his Atlantic partners, they wanted to put it out "as is." John Reed, the lead guitarist, wanted to clean up all his guitar licks, and Marcia was cautious about the whole thing from a legal standpoint. They did "leave Wexler at the altar," before signing the contract, as Bobby puts it, but it was only for about a month or six weeks – not as long as the story around town has it. But that time span was crucial. By the time Freda and the Firedogs finally inked the contract, Wexler and his partners had realized that their individual visions and ambitions were not compatible, and the other Atlantic partners parted ways with him. Bottom line, that hesitation was enough to make the Firedogs miss the window to get the record pressed and distributed.

In 1974 they played Willie Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic at Texas World Speedway in College Station. Freda and the Firedogs knew that was going to be their last gig. Of course, Marcia has gone on to earn five Grammy nominations and a wall full of awards, plus being named Texas State Musician of the Year in 2018.

As for Bobby, he is having a good time hanging out, playing a few gigs, and writing his human interest book about Austin musicians and other local personalities. Bobby says, "It's been a terrific ride and I couldn't be happier than being here in Austin!"

Freda and the Firedogs: Bobby Earl Smith, John Reed, Marcia Ball, David Cook, Steve McDaniels.

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- services to those who have experienced non-death loss due to divorce, separation, relocation, immigration, serious health issues and diagnoses, and other negative life events that create grief and loss
- and in response to the pandemic, services to support anyone experiencing loss, grief, anxiety, stress, and other mental health impacts.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, it is focused on its mission of assisting adults and children moving from loss to life through support, therapy, education, training, consultation and hope. Number of clients served is twice pre-pandemic levels.

Therapy services are provided, in both English and Spanish, regardless of ability to pay with options of sliding scale and Care Assistance Subsidy.

Austin Grief has provided over 3,950 social workers, counselors, child life specialists, nurses, and chaplains with training in the field of grief and trauma since 2007.

Grief and Loss peer support groups are an integral part of the program. More than 2,000 children and adults have participated in the grief support groups that meet twice monthly. Each group is facilitated by two trained volunteers and supervised by a licensed clinician.

Children's programs have been expanded to include Camp Red Bird, summer day camps for bereaved children, and school-based support groups in partnership with Communities in Schools in Title I schools at no cost to families.

The Austin Center for Grief & Loss
is celebrating its annual

Holders of Hope Fundraiser and Gala

at Umlauf Sculpture Garden
on Thursday, October 20, 2022, 6:30 – 10:00 PM.

The fundraiser includes an on-line silent auction open October 17th through October 20th. The evening will feature both silent and live auctions and a live music experience by harpist Kristen Gibbs, a live portrait artist, Baron Wilson, and Austin's own Typewriter poet, Scott James

Sponsorships can be made online donations at www.austingrief.org/hoh.

Please contact Kim Nugent-Anderson (knugnetanderson@austingrief.org) for additional information. For information about services call (512)472-7878 or visit www.austingrief.org.

Guatemalan mother and her baby

Austin Smiles Wish Upon a Smile Gala

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This year, Austin Smiles celebrates 36 years of life-changing service!

Their annual Wish Upon a Smile Gala will be held at the Oasis on Lake Travis on November 5th at 5:30 pm, with live stream options available to watch from home. At the Gala, guests will enjoy the best sunset in town, dinner, live auction and a performance by Tomar and the FC's.

Austin Smiles is thrilled to announce this year's Gala Co-chairs, Patrice Emrie and Michelle Mattina. The event will be emceed by Allison Miller from CBS Austin and Victoria Pineda will return as the Auctioneer.

This year, Austin Smiles will recognize two outstanding philanthropic leaders, Jamie Barshop and Beau Theriot with the 4th Annual Cullington, Fox, Beckham International Service Award.

For those unable to attend, the online auction & raffle is open to all, and includes staycations, wine tastings, boat tours, and non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

Proceeds from the annual gala allow the nonprofit to continue serving children born with cleft lip and palate both in Central Texas and Latin America. Allowing the nonprofit to continue providing critical life-changing surgical care abroad and social and emotional programming for local children and families. One in 700 children is born with a cleft lip and/or palate, which impacts their ability to communicate intelligibly, receive proper nourishment, and their overall quality of life. Austin Smiles, in collaboration with local and in-country entities, aims to develop a continuum of care to identify and treat these children as early as possible.

In Central Texas, Austin Smiles provides wraparound supports for over 800 children annually who are undergoing surgery at Dell Children's Medical Center and each year the team takes 2-3 medical mission trips to Latin America where they perform over 50 life changing surgeries per trip.

The gala will celebrate the countless lives changed over the past 36 years!

To learn more about sponsorships and donations or for more information about the organization and the Wish Upon a Smile Gala, please visit www.austinsmiles.org.

Jamie Barshop

Beau Theriot

Patrice Emrie

Michelle Mattina

Another high energy year at Highland Park Elementary

By Alana Moehring Mallard

The first days of school at Highland Park Elementary saw 20 new teachers take their places with HP's almost 700 students.

"It feels really great here," said principal Katie Pena, "high quality of new-to-Highland Park educators. Really high energy."

And to help those new-to-Highland Park teachers, a couple of longtime Highland Park teachers have been recruited to return as mentors in fourth grade where three of the five teachers are new. Sally Hunter will mentor the humanities side, and Stephanie Perkins, the math and science side. "It's a huge assist," said Pena, "and it's wonderful to have them here."

New Highland Park teachers are:

▲ Kendall Gonzales, a first year teacher in second grade;

▲ Naomi Miller, also second grade;

▲ Art teacher Stephanie Perry, a 30-year teacher;

▲ Dianna Morris, a special education teacher who has been at Highland Park for seven years as a teaching assistant and just completed her degree at Huston-Tillotson University;

▲ Kathleen Cornell, a fourth grade teacher;

▲ Jade Safranek, a first grade teacher who comes from four years of teaching in Ketchikan, Alaska;

▲ Fourth grade teacher Kierra Jones-Jackson, who is a first-year teacher and new graduate of Huston-Tillotson University;

▲ Second grade teacher Lauren Weinberger;

▲ Highland Park alum Alaine Fowler, a fourth grade teacher;

▲ Lily von der Lieth, a kindergarten teacher;

▲ Navi, an art teacher who has danced professionally for 14 years;

▲ Assistant PE teacher Jeanette Hutchinson, who comes from an engineering background and is new to teaching;

▲ Ashley Malone, a fifth grade science teacher whose kindergarten son will join her at Highland Park;

▲ Catherine Dickey, a SCORES teacher who grew up in Austin;

▲ Katherine Amerson, also a SCORES teacher, who taught previously at Gullett Elementary;

▲ Luke Horsley, an assistant PE teacher;

▲ Highland Park alum Elizabeth Crowley Davis, a second grade teacher;

▲ Fourth grade math and science teacher Carly Cole, a first-year teacher;

▲ Meagan Conoley, a principal resident from UT graduate school; and

▲ Music teacher Ileana Napoles, a 20-year educator.

"Our traveling coach, Lewis Price, moved into full-time PE coach, and second grade teacher Harrison Gay also moved into full-time PE coach," said Pena.

"People do still love being teachers, and we feel that," said Pena. "This is a very, very positive, dedicated place – it's like a renewal."

Highland Park was recognized at last week's AISD Board meeting as receiving an A grade in recent STARR testing, as well as six distinctions in academic areas.

Highland Park assistant principal Melissa Puga and principal Katie Pena

Wish Upon A Smile Gala - November 5th, 2022

Join us for a night under the stars, featuring the most spectacular sunset views in town, and a performance by **Tomar and the FCs!** Guests will have the opportunity to bid on fabulous live & silent auction packages. Austin Smiles will present the 4th Annual Cullington, Fox, Beckham International Service Award to two outstanding volunteers, **Beau Theriot and Jamie Barshop**, for their many years of leadership and support.

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Austin Smiles is a non-profit organization that has provided surgical and post surgical care for children born with cleft lip and palate in Central Texas and Latin America for over 35 years.

Sommelier Anthony Scholotzhauer *Makes a Splash* at St. David's Fundraiser

Sommelier Anthony Scholotzhauer made a big splash on Tuesday, May 6th, at the St. David Foundation's Champagne Dinner fundraiser.

The event only welcomed ten guests, but with a collection of sparkling wines from the Champagne region of France, and Scholotzhauer's expert commentary about the vignerons and vintages, the party held enough fun to satisfy all the champagne lovers in Austin.

Scholotzhauer is a Certified Sommelier, a qualification earned from the Court of Master Sommeliers. In addition to champagne, the event also featured a delicious dinner courtesy of Austin Catering and a glimpse of the lovely view from **Stacy and Joel Hock**'s lakeside home, where the party was held.

The festive gathering was part of the St. David's Foundation's annual Toast of the Town fundraiser, a month-long series of exclusive parties around Austin, all raising money to help Central Texas students pursue careers in the medical profession.

Stacy Hock and Julien Huerta

Stacy Hock, Ashton Corporon, and Joel Hock

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Austin FC VIPs Share Season Highlights at St. David's Fundraiser

On Monday evening, May 9th, 40 guests gathered for an exclusive evening with the new Major League Soccer VIPs who are putting Austin on the pro sports map. With Austin FC **President Andy Loughnane, Founder Anthony Precourt, Sporting Director Claudio Reyna, and Head Coach Josh Wolff** on the guest list, the party was any Austin FC fan's dream.

As you might have guessed, the exclusive party was another fundraiser in the St. David's Toast of the Town series, raising funds for the Neal Kocurek Scholarship. The Neal Kocurek Scholarship provides financial assistance, a robust tutoring program, wellness coaching, and mental health services for Central Texas students pursuing careers in medicine. During the party, co-hosted by **Susan and Gary Farmer, Melissa and Kent Ferguson, and Lady and David Huffstutler,** Austin FC's ownership and leadership shared their international roster of talent and highlights from their second season in the Q2 Stadium.

A class act dinner from Word of Mouth accompanied the incredible evening, as well as an inspiring speech from Neal Kocurek Scholarship recipient Venice Mae Bender.

Chandra and Chris Hosek

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Bennie and Mary Lou Downing named 2023 Jewel Ball Honorary Chairs

The Women's Symphony League of Austin announced Honorary Chairs of the 2023 Jewel Ball — longtime West Austinites **Bennie** and **Mary Lou Downing.**

Mary Lou was born and raised in the Southwest Arkansas town of Hope, where she played piano in her high school orchestra and clarinet in its marching band. Mary Lou and Bennie met at TCU in Fort Worth, and she recalls, "He was such a gentleman and so special to be with! We both looked forward to our dates at the Casa Manana musicals in Fort Worth."

The Downings recently celebrated 58 years of marriage and have two sons — **Scott Downing** of Dallas and **Bryant Downing** of Austin.

Scott and Bryant both have participated in past Jewel Balls as Escorts and Beaux as have four of Bennie and Mary Lou's five grandchildren. Connor and Abigail have each been presented as Trainbearers, Maiden and Squire, Belle and Beau, and a Princess and an Escort. Granddaughter Kaleigh served as a Belle and Grandson Park as an Escort.

Virginia Roberdeau

Horton and **Jane Dunn Sibley** invited Mary Lou to join the Women's Symphony League in 1970, and **Bill Kemp** was Bennie's sponsor to join the Knights of the Symphony.

Mary Lou recalls working on her first Symphony Ball Decorating Committee in 1971 with **Alice Scarborough** in **Margaret Scarborough's** garage, and she remembers hosting several general meetings in their home as well as envelope addressing parties.

An especially fond memory is Knight **Claude Ducloux** playing their baby grand piano as **Gerry Ersek** performed as the soloist. Mary Lou recalls, "Jane Sibley said, as the crowd reached nearly 80 guests, 'Mary Lou, I am opening the doors from your atrium to the pool and a lot of us are going to sit out there!' The beautiful music reached all ears, indoors and out."

Bennie serves on the Round Table of The Knights and recently was awarded the title of Chancellor of Heraldry.

Bennie and Mary Lou are honorary chairs of the 67th Annual Jewel Ball.

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> —MARY LOU DOWNING, RECALLING A TIME WHEN CLAUDE DUCLOUX PLAYED THEIR BABY GRAND PIANO AS GERRY ERSEK PERFORMED AS THE SOLOIST

Bennie and Mary Lou Downing named 2023 Jewel Ball Honorary Chairs

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Summer Camp is Snapping Back

After two pandemic seasons, Camp Balcones Springs has returned to its usual fun.

For the past two summers, Camp Balcones Springs, a Christian-based summer camp located 45-minutes north of Austin in Marble Falls, has carried out its standard sleepaway camp fare and unique activities amidst a host of new parameters, limitations, and protocols brought about by the pandemic. From mask-wearing to temperature checks, contact-tracing to testing, and everything in-between, the family-owned institution has remained resilient, managing to operate safely and successfully and deliver a fun-filled respite to its 6 to 18-year-old visitors.

The summer of 2022, however, marked a welcomed return to norm for Balcones Springs. Staff and directors continued to exercise caution with testing and quarantining if ever illness was suspected, but summer camp was, by all measurable standards, back and in full swing. This year's challenge – the onslaught of 100+ degree days in Central Texas – made 2022 the hottest camp season to date, but Camp Balcones Springs' air-conditioned cabins and dining halls, three lakes, and ample ways to stay cool kept spirits lifted and children feeling safe and refreshed.

Girls and boys from all across Texas, the United States, and even Mexico arrived across Camp Balcones Springs' four 2022 sessions for adventure, friendship, and all the things that make summer camp, summer camp. Campers took part in costumed dances and theme nights, tubing and boating on Lake Travis, rock-climbing, sailing, horseback riding, sports coaching from college athletes, and an array of special programs, from glow-in-the-dark dances to capture the flag-like gauntlets.

Camp Balcones Springs also maintained its storied camp traditions, like the Western-themed, two-stepping Rodeo Roundup dance, Mission Impossible, the once-a-session surprise event where campers dress in camo and race around camp to complete a "secret mission," and Team Competition, a term-long battle between the camp's four legendary teams (to which every camper is initiated during their first summer at camp).

Camp Balcones Springs' youngest campers sampled a variety of traditional camp activities, testing the waters at the horse barn, on the climbing wall, and at the infamous Lake Ted blob, a huge inflatable pillow off which campers jump into Balcones Springs' spring-fed lake. Meanwhile, high school campers earned their lifeguard certifications, mastered presentation and public speaking skills, and amassed ample community service hours by serving with the kitchen and dining hall staff as a part of our Work Crew.

This summer confirmed yet again just how resilient our children are. Campers continued to demonstrate an unfailing optimism and appreciation for even the smallest of joys despite the high temperatures and relentless nature of the Texas summer. If you can't wait until next summer to get a taste of what Camp Balcones Springs has to offer, join us September 16-18, 2022, for a Family Camp Weekend at our Marble Falls property. Adults and children alike will have the opportunity to take part in our most talked about summer camp activities – the perfect getaway for those wishing to sample camp for the first time or share the summer camp experience with their family. Email us at info@campbalconessprings.

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Beth Newton: Anderson High's new principal

By Alana Moehring Mallard

Anderson High principal Beth Newton

All in the same week, Beth Newton started a new school year as principal at Anderson and dropped off her second daughter at the University of North Texas to start her first year in college. Last week, to be exact. Her older daughter is a junior at Texas Tech.

"Now it's just me and the dogs and the cats," Newton said of her empty nest. "And 2200 students and 4000 parents and 150 staff."

Newton's girls, Emma and Maddie, went to school with her at Hill Elementary when she was principal there from 2009 to 2018. In 2018, Newton moved to Murchison Middle School, and was principal there until this move to Anderson.

"Anderson doesn't feel that much larger," Newton said. "Hill was 1000 and Murchison was 1200." Newton said she's known some of this year's students since they were three or four years old. And she's been asked more than once if she's going to go to college with them too, she said.

But managing Anderson's students probably feels like a much bigger job judging by the telephone and walkie-talkie interruptions during our visit in her office during lunchtime for 2200 students. "I like solving problems," Newton told me, "and there are certainly a lot to solve."

Newton has held a series of listening circles over the last few weeks, hearing from parents, students, faculty, and staff. Four areas of concern were identified from those listening circles: Connections, Communications, Safety, and Systems.

"Teachers want to be connected to teachers, to students, to the community," said Newton, "and parents and teachers want consistent communications. They want to know what's going on."

Safety was on full display during that busy lunchtime. Students had more freedom last year because of social distancing at lunchtime, Newton said. "We've gone back to allowing only seniors to leave campus for lunch, and we currently have one lunch time for the entire school," she said, "where other schools our size have two lunches, so we're looking at that."

A seniors-only rule for leaving campus at lunchtime is a part of systems being put in place or freshened up, as is a system of hall passes, cell phone usage, and tutoring. "We need these systems to help the school operate smoothly," Newton said.

Newton, who earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at UT, is in a PhD program at UT. "I'm a year into the program and have two more semesters of course work," she said. Her dissertation will study how principals develop trust to create positive school culture.

Newton's second week with those 2200 students will include two loud, spirited pep rallies for Taco Shack Bowl's Thursday night game pitting Anderson Trojans against McCallum Knights. "Every day is an adventure," she said.

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Dear Friends,

Happy back to school month from all of us at Benchmark Bank! We're returning with the fourth issue of our Young Entrepreneurs Corner. This month, we are excited to highlight local entrepreneurs Josie and Maggie Tate, founders of Just Snow-cones.

This sister duo started their business this past summer to stay busy. They put together a plan to launch their own snow-cone business while walking on the beach. Then, they executed!

In addition to running a successful snow-cone stand this summer, the girls donated 50% of their proceeds to The ARK: a nonprofit in Port Aransas that saves all animals. (See photos to the left!)
We hope their story inspires your child to think creatively about what they love to do, and feel empowered to start a business of their own.

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Brainstorm Business Ideas
FOR KIDS

Here are some questions to get your kid started thinking on their business, even if they have no business experience!

- What is your big idea?
- Who will your customers be?
- Why will people want to buy?
- How much will you charge?
- How will you get the word out?
- Where will you sell your products or services?

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INTRODUCING FEATURED FOUNDERS OF THE MONTH:

MAGGIE & JOSIE TATE

FOUNDERS OF
JUST SNOW-CONES

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What made you want to start a business? Tell us the story ☺!
A: When we went to Costa Rica we saw a person selling snow cones on the beach and we thought, "What a great idea!" That person inspired us to sell snow cones on the Port Aransas beach.

Q: Does your business have a name?
A:Yes it does - Just Snow-cones (we don't sell anything else).

Q: How do you find your customers?
A:We sell our snow cones on the back of our golf cart on the beach, so people can get a snow cone to cool off. People on the Beach found us!

Q: What is your favorite and least favorite part of running your business?
A: Our favorite part was making the snow cones! We had a friend help us which made it fun too! Our least favorite part was packing up all the supplies to go to the beach.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your business and how do you overcome this challenge?
A: The most challenging part was probably ordering all of the stuff to make the snow cones like cups, syrup, spoons/straws, and a snow cone maker. We ended up with all of the stuff we wanted but it took some digging to find a non-electric ice shaver.

Q: What advice do you have for other kids who want to start their own business?
A: Start a business with something that you think will be fun to do.

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Anderson student named winner in Regenron Science Talent Search

By Alana Moehring Mallard

Anderson graduate Aseel Rawashdeh, who is now a student at Harvard University, received an $80,000 award this spring as sixth-place winner in the 2022 Regeneron Science Talent Search sponsored by Society for Science and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals.

She "developed an inexpensive way to kill the larvae of mosquitos that spread viral illnesses. By incorporating an essential oil such as cinnamon, garlic, or orange into baker's yeast microcapsules, Aseel made a cost-effective bait that kills the larvae of mosquitos that spread malaria. Equally important, in early tests her larvicide's encapsulated oils appear to be harmless to nearby algae and non-targeted insect larvae."

Aseel said she is interested in tropical disease and public health, and that she learned to look at the world with a critical eye when she was in debate at Anderson. "We are a major contributor to so many problems in the world," Aseel said, "but other nations suffer the consequences."

Aseel is studying biology at Harvard.

Her Regeneron project was titled Larvicidal "Trojan Horse": Experimentally Developing a Novel Low-Cost and Eco-Friendly Mosquito Vector Control Treatment. This year's Regeneron Science Talent Search was held in Washington, D.C.

"My advice to anyone wanting to do something like this is to enjoy the process," said Aseel. "You have to enjoy the process." Aseel said she takes much inspiration from women of color in science.

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Jonna Juul-Hansen + Susie Lee = Proven Results

Susie's success and client loyalty come from her dedication to top level service. This has resulted in relationships that have lasted many years and through multiple transactions. Susie ranks among the top agents in Austin and is included in the Platinum Top 500 REALTORs® for 2022 along with her partner Jonna Juul-Hansen on the Juul-Hansen Lee Team.

Prior to real estate, Susie honed her negotiating and organizational skills while working in sales and project management at Dell for a dozen years. She has lived in Tarrytown Oaks since the early 90s and loves how the neighborhood has transformed. Originally from Houston, Susie has now lived in Austin longer than in her hometown. She visits family there regularly and sells there, too, as she is a member of the Houston Association of Realtors in addition to the Austin Board of Realtors.

Susie has been a long-time volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels and participates in Realty Austin's annual Habitat for Humanity build. For fun, she enjoys Austin's vibrant restaurant scene, reading for pleasure often, sometimes running on the trail and forever walking her dogs to Tarrytown Park!

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