



North Hopkins students will return to classes on Monday, Aug. 25. Elementary “Meet the Teacher” will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Weir family participated in My Bowl, a fundraiser for the Special Olympics bowling team, on the weekend of Aug. 2. Yvonne reports, “Dustin, Natalie and Dakota Weir and Ashley Cline were on our team.” Their team name was Weir Wesley’s Oddballs. Destri helped them make a sign the week before and they had red t-shirts featuring their team name. Yvonne says, “We didn’t win any bowling prizes, but had a blast!” Wesley was on a team with other Special Olympians.

On Friday, Aug. 8, Robert, Yvonne, and Wes went to Dallas for the night. Dacy, Elise and Eli Campbell, and Destri Weir visited them and they all had a good time in the pool. They shopped some on Saturday and Yvonne commented that “for a tax-free weekend, it wasn’t crowded at all.”

Kim Beck reports that she and Lee are “sending kids back to college!” She says, “Jason Beck is heading back to UT Austin to begin his Senior year as Naval ROTC Battalion Commander. Hook ‘em Jason! Jackson Dailey is Commerce bound to start his Junior year as Student Government President at Texas A&M—Commerce. Go Lions!”

Don’t forget about the Hot August Night BBQ Cook-Off and Concert at the Hopkins Regional County Civic Center this Saturday, Aug. 16, benefiting county volunteer fire departments. The barbecue grounds will open at 1 p.m., with cooks preparing their entries, vendors and a kids’ zone. Serving of the barbecue meal will begin at 5 p.m. and the Phil Vassar concert will start at 7 p.m., inside the Civic Center arena.

On Saturday, Aug. 2, Chip and I attended a birthday party honoring Jerry Petty at the Dike Baptist Church. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the delicious buffet. Our community was

also represented by Mick and Linda Petty and Rick and Judy Petty, Jerry's cousins.

After we left the party, we drove to Mesquite and met our son, Delayne Vaughn of Waco, and treated him to dinner at Razoo's for his birthday, which was on the first. Following the delicious meal, we went to Linda Ellen Vaughn's house in Dallas and shared the birthday cake that we had taken.

Tiffany Peugh, Morgan, Kenden and Jaidyn Joslin and Chip and I went to East Texas Gators and Wildlife Park in Grand Saline on Friday. We enjoyed holding some of the animals, including an alligator, skink, ferret and snakes. We watched the feeding of the alligators and walked around the grounds viewing the other animals. Jaidyn enjoyed jumping in the bounce house and the boys competed at rope climbing. The baby camel, that was wandering among the guests, tried to join us for our picnic lunch!

That afternoon, we drove to Holly Lake Resort and enjoyed swimming and playing games. Jacob, Tyler, Collin and Jakota Peugh wanted to have some "boy time" and they invited Tommy Beck over to watch wrestling with them, while Tiffany and the kids were gone.

As we returned from our trip on Saturday, we dropped Kenden off at the recreation center at Texas A&M-Commerce for a party with his baseball team, and then I took Tiffany and Jaidyn to a birthday party at Jerry's Jump Zone in Sulphur Springs. I went home just long enough to unload the car, and then I went to the wedding reception for John and Stephanie Long at the North Hopkins School cafeteria. Later that afternoon, Chip and I attended a college graduation party for our nephew, Brian Vaughn, at Davis Street Baptist Church's fellowship hall, and from there we went to The Way Church for the 40th anniversary party for Ronnie and Susan Collins.

I always need and appreciate input from my friends to help keep me informed of news in our community. If you have any news pertaining to Tira residents, past or present, please contact me, Jan Vaughn, at 903-945-2190 or 903-438-6688 or janvaughn73@gmail.com.