

CARRYING FORWARD

Dylan's Cottage Bakery honors tradition, family

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Dylan Harrell was as sweet as a little girl could be.

After being diagnosed and fighting a 20-month battle with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, an incurable cancer, she passed away in April 2020.

Harrell loved to bake. Her parents, Jeff and Casey Harrell, took her into Cottage Bakery and Delicatessen, where owners Bob and Judi Andrew let her experiment in the bakery's kitchen.

In 2020, the bakery was up for sale. After Judi Andrew asked Jeff Harrell whether they'd be interested in buying the bakery, the Harrells made an offer and were joined by Mark and Lindy Swain, Casey Harrell's sister and brother-in-law. The group wanted to serve the community while honoring and remembering Dylan Harrell.

After their offer was accepted, the group rebranded the bakery as Dylan's Cottage Bakery and Delicatessen.

The bakery, the oldest business in town, dates back to 1908. The Andrews ran the bakery for 46 years before the Harrells and Swains took over.

Baker's hours are early hours. The work is strenuous. Something wonderful happens when dough rises; when breads and pastries are pulled from a hot oven; and when smells waft, making stomachs growl.

Dylan's Cottage Bakery and Delicatessen honors the past and brings forward an expanded menu with gluten-free and vegan

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Dylan's Cottage Bakery, originally named Cottage Bakery, has been a popular spot in Long Beach since 1908. Lead baker Frank Siorillo and bakery manager Katie Witherbee-Allsup. Leo Hinogozu works with dough. A plethora of berry pies.



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