

### Exchange student Volker Recseik attends BHS

BY TERRELL FUTLON

Volker Recseik is our new foreign exchange student from Germany. He has been here for three months and already has a mouth full of information, from his home town to how he feels in America and how his life has changed in such a short period of time.



We have all been there. New school year, standing there alone with your awkward-fitting clothes, trying not to stand out in the crowd but fit in and still maintain your individuality. For Volker this has become a reality in more ways than one. This is not to say that he didn't make any preparations for this journey. Prior to coming to America, Volker studied English for six years, starting in the fifth grade.

It is easy to say that Volker's old school is a lot different than ours. In Germany there are four divisions of school divided by the level of intelligence of the students attending. Every one at the school does not necessarily hang out with each other, but there are not really any cliques or social groups, if you could imagine. There are not any "un cool" people.

When asked about the teenagers in America in contrast to Germany, he

responded that the teenagers are very similar in the way they act. Part of his motive to become part of the foreign exchange student program was to find out how teenagers in America act.

The things you buy in Germany for example, clothes or food you might purchase, such as McDonalds or the blue jeans you wear, have had

some kind of impact or influence on Volker. To Germans we must be very interesting, just as they are very interesting to us.

There were many struggles for Volker, trying to become apart of the foreign exchange student program. Among the countless amounts of paper work there were many preparation seminars.

Volker has been keeping in touch with his family. Last Tuesday Volker and I went around the school searching for pictures to send to his parents. Being homesick has not quite affected him yet, but he expects it soon.

His experience in America so far has been enjoyable. Volker has found the student body of BHS very kind, and he says people are treating him well.



Choir members Elisha Perez, Anna Daub and Michael Little recently advanced to All Region. They will audition for PreArea November 21 and perform in the All Region Choir on Nov. 22 in Weatherford.



### Might Lion Band raises the bar

BY COURTNEY WINDHAM

The BHS band received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Excellence at the UIL Region 7 Marching Contest, Saturday the 18. The competition was held in Brady with 27 different bands.

The drum majors are very proud of the band's performance even though they did not receive the top rating.

"Although we received a rating of excellence, I feel we put on a superior performance. I'm really proud of the effort and determination of all the band members in putting this show together," drum major, Michael VanDerPol said.

At marching contest the band performs their half-time show in front of three judges. Scores are based on performance of music, precision of marching and overall quality.

The chance to advance is only available every other year. All bands that make a first division qualify to continue in contest.

This year's show was Pictures at an Exhibition. The music included "Promenade," "Babi Yaga," "Old Castle," "Ballet of Unhatched Chicks," "Disputed de'Enfants," and "Great Gate of Kiev."

Band director, Randy Hayes shows his pride towards the band also.

"The band has had a new face this year. We have raised the bar and they have risen to the occasion. The material they have learned has been quite a bit more difficult than in years past. I have been very impressed by the band's work ethic this year," Hayes said.

Even though the contest is over, Hayes assures us the band will still continue working.

"We will continue to strive for entertaining, quality performances throughout this year and in years to come. Thanks to everyone who supports the Lion Band," Hayes said.



# LIONS' ROAR

## Brownwood High School

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### Lions secure playoff position Brownwood upsets Aledo 24-13

BY CARLIE EOFF

As the stadium filled with fans and students from present and past, the "Mighty Lions" kicked off another Homecoming game.

Friday, October 24, at the close of the second quarter, the Lions led the Bearcats, 24-3, giving us momentum going into the second half.

During the second half of the football game the team was relentless in their fight to continue their undefeated streak.

We offered Aledo's powerhouse their second upset of the year, defeating them 24-13.

A great Homecoming has come to a close as the Lions secured their playoff position, and the stadium cleared with fans and students from present and past as the tradition continues.

### Homecoming 2003



Homecoming queen nominees from front left: Carolyn Myers, Natalie Smith, Mia Adams, Lindsey Goodwin, Stacye Jennings, Sarah Taylor and Brittany McGuire

### Stacye Jennings crowned 2003 BHS Homecoming Queen

BY CARLIE EOFF

During the homecoming half-time show last Friday, LaTrina Anderson presented Stacye Jennings with the crown and title of Brownwood Homecoming Queen.

The senior class nominated senior girls for homecoming queen at the beginning of Homecoming week. The nominees were Mia Adams, Natalie Smith, Carolyn Myers, Brittany McGuire, Stacye Jennings, Sarah Taylor, and Lindsey Goodwin.

The nominees were voted on later in the week by the entire student body.

Jennings plans on attending Texas State University and major in psychology. She is "most excited about meeting new people and the new experiences she will face..."

"The honor of being nominated has meant so much to me personally....



meeting new people and moving to a new place.

"I will definitely miss my family the most.... I will also miss my church home as well... but I know God will provide a place for me," Goodwin said.

Smith plans on attending Texas State University and possibly doing children's physical therapy. She is most ready to leave Brownwood and ready to experience college life.

"It was a great honor just to be nominated and it is one more memory that I will have of Brownwood High," Smith said.

Myers plans on going to Hardin Simmons University and study art. She is excited about meeting lost of new people and living somewhere other than Brownwood.

"I am really going to miss seeing my close friends everyday," Myers said.

### NHS applications due today

BY STEPHANIE SMITH

NHS applications are due today and should be turned in to sponsor Peter Romig or Kristi Owen. The induction ceremony will be held November 20 at 7:00 pm in the BHS auditorium. The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. Sue Jones.

National Honor Society honors students who keep a high GPA, get teacher recommendations, and do service organizations to help the community.

Owen and Romig are the new NHS sponsors for the 2003-2004 school year.

Romig said that he became a sponsor for NHS because it is one of the most important organizations at BHS and he wanted to continue to see it prosper. He said that it is important to honor students who have worked at their academic classes and have achieved a high level of success. Romig also commented that success in the classroom is why we have school.

When asked why she became a sponsor for NHS, Owen replied that she felt that this was a very important organization and she could not stand for it not to continue. She also said that she loves being involved with kids and felt that it would be a new avenue to pursue and still be involved.

Congratulations to all nominees! The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday of the month in Mr. Romig's room during B-lunch.

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