HAPPY, TEXAS-The 55th annual Happy High School homecoming was celebrated by students and alumni throughout the week of Oct. 9-13 in Happy, Texas.

Happy High Student Council President Sadie Bow said the theme for the homecoming week was “Taking Care of Business in 2017” inspired by the football team’s motto “Unfinished Business”.

According to Bow, the week of festivities consisted of costume-themes for each day: PJ (due to no school on Monday), beach/Hawaiian, heritage, decade, spirit, and dress your best day.

The student council put on the bonfire pep rally following the junior high and junior varsity games on Thursday night. After students played games, the Flame King and Queen were crowned. This year’s bonfire consisted of about 350 wooden pallets, according to Student Council Sponsor Jennifer Sperry.

“Students have much anticipation about the bonfire pep rally, but let's face it, it is not about the pep rally part but the lighting of the bonfire and watching it burn, debating on if it is bigger or smaller than the years before, anxious to take a pic in front of the bonfire,” said Sperry. “The atmosphere is always electric.”

On Friday, Happy High hosted a pep rally in the auditorium. The homecoming queen candidates were introduced, cheerleaders performed cheers and dances, and the football team was recognized within the ceremony, according to the pep rally program.

“It brings the alumni from Happy together and people in Happy together, and you get to see people that you don’t get to see a lot,” said Bow. “It really shows the school spirit and the town spirit as well.”

The officers of the Happy Alumni Association provided a barbeque meal that fans could partake in before walking to the Cowboy Corral for the football game. Alumni Association Member Jill White said 172 people were served at the meal.

Friday October 13th the Happy Cowboys faced their rival school, the Nazareth Swifts, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cowboy Corral. Happy’s Superintendent Ray Keith believes there were over 700 people in attendance.
After the Happy and Nazareth bands performed at half time, the 2016 Homecoming Queen Lacie Michalewicz crowned senior Sadie Bow as the 2017 Homecoming Queen.

Due to the mercy rule, the game ended with 2:53 left in the third quarter, and the Cowboys beat the Swifts with a score of 80-34. This victory continues Happy’s undefeated season with a record of 6-0.

Following the game, the Happy Booster Club hosted the Pie Supper. Free pie and drinks were available to fans and students in the school cafeteria. Elise Bressler, a Happy High alumnus, said the Pie Supper is one of her favorite Happy Homecoming traditions.

“It’s amazing to see the alumni and their families at the Pie Supper after the football game,” said Bressler. “The fellowship with people you haven’t seen in years is pretty special.”

To close the week, student council organized a dance at the Community Center for the community to enjoy.

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