



ON THE BACK OF THE TRUCK, seniors Nikki Wessel and Sean Ybarra (above) got a ride after picking up tree limbs

at Sappa Park. Carolyn Burtis (below) showed Jared Marcuson where the trails start and end.

Senior class volunteers around town

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Full brown trash bags lined the entrance to Sappa Park last Wednesday, a sure sign of volunteers at work.

Across the parking lot from the shelterhouse, the old metal building was gone and an old refrigerator was ready to be hauled off. The students picked up limbs from the first camp area on both sides of the road and farther down towards the shelter house. They also cleaned the shelter house out, including getting rid of broken down picnic tables.

Trails built by volunteers had

been cleared of trash and the seniors from Decatur Community High School were just getting ready to enjoy the park after a lunch of grilled hot dogs provided by the city.

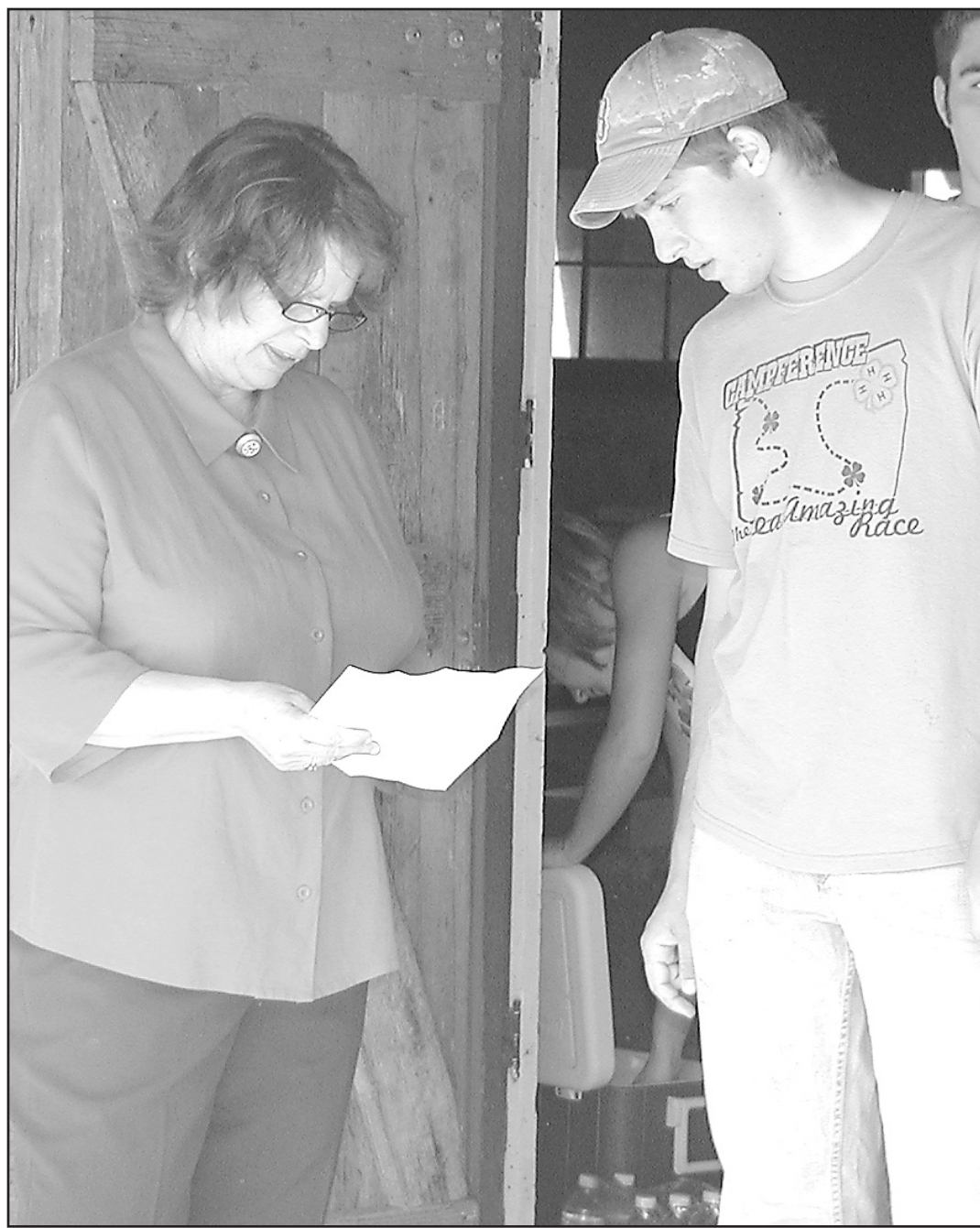
Supervised by class sponsor Leigh Davis, City Administrator Gary Shike, Mayor Joe Stanley and council members Rhonda May, Jay Anderson and Marcia Lohofener, the seniors worked at the park last Wednesday morning.

The project was the idea of senior Desiree Vilar, said Miss Davis. The senior class always tries to think of some way to leave its mark on the community, she said, and this year,

the seniors talked about doing a good deed. She said she contacted Mrs. Lohofener, who coordinated the cleanup for the class.

Although most of the class worked at the park, other teams went to clean up the golf course, The Gateway and the Last Indian Raid Museum.

After lunch, seniors who hadn't already headed back to school took a hike on the newest trail, which starts south of the first campground, winds around through the trees, past the golf course and around the old lake bed. On the way, the seniors stopped to remove logs and other debris from the trail.



OUTSIDE THE SHELTERHOUSE at Sappa Park, seniors Amber Mason, Heather Ploussard and Rory Wendelin (above) sat and had lunch. Afterwards, Jared Marcuson, Chenniah Langness, Colt Diederich and Sean Ybarra (left) moved an old power pole out of a truck.

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