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Rice OEA has holiday spirit

By STEPHANIE OWENS

On Monday, December 7, the Rice OEA Club held its annual Christmas Dinner in the High School Commons. The OEA members were present, as well as their sponsor Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten. Special guest for the occasion was Judy Engstrom.

The meal consisted of fajitas with all the trimmings and other various dishes prepared by the members. Each member opened a gift from his/her secret pal and exchanged greetings. A good time was had by all.

The OEA members also entered in the Eagle Lake Christmas parade held on Saturday, December12. Those participating were: Noe Belmares (driver), Lynette Banks, Elaine Contreras, Katina Carson, Sylvia Garza, Stephanie Owens, Elva Rodriguez, and Marisa Torres. They rode in Noe's truck, which they decorated with lots of Christmas spirit. Thanks to those students who helped to make this a fun experience!

Pustejovsky and Strube chosen as FTA leaders

Two senior Future Teacher members were selected by the club to be leaders for the month of December. Shannan Pustejovsky and Sally Strube performed myriad activities for the FTA during the past month. Selection is based on performance.

Some of the activities that these two ladies performed were making posters, working on yearbook drawings, choosing a teacher for Christmas, selling items to raise money for the FTA scholarship; attending the executive board meeting, writing out Christmas labels for the school personnel, voting and making plans for the FTA Christmas party.

Other members who were eligible for this honor were Sherri Cheatham, Sharra Querner, Vicky Hyek and Laurie Abel.

With four months past, the club has recognized Lara Dupre, Cindy Garza, Dionne Glover, Lynette Banks and Leslie Glover for their outstanding performances to the Rice Future Teachers organization.

Where's the party?

By DIONNE GLOVER

What's on the agenda for the last week of school before the holidays? Last minute shopping, laboring over homework, and attending parties! Rice High School students are getting into the Christmas spirit by attending parties given by different organizations.

What makes these parties such a success? Good food is a must for a successful party. Party refreshments range from an elegant meal of ham and potatoes to snack foods like chips and dips. Second on the party list is music. Whether it's singing Spanish Christmas carols or dancing to the latest hits, music in any form must be present at parties.

When everyone has cooled down from dancing, the party-goers exchange gifts with friends or secret pals. Then after the last chip has been eaten and the final tune has been played, the merry students of Rice High School return to their igloos to get enough sleep to attend tomorrow night's party

Meet the Lady Raiders

By JENNIFER MATTHEWS

The Lady Raiders have started off on the right foot this year with what looks to be a very promising season. This week we interviewed Sr., Danna Fudge to find out her expectations for the team this season. Danna, #12, is only 5'4", but height is not always the most important factor, it's quick thinking and lots of ability that makes a good point guard. Danna says working as a team is going to be the key to their success. She says if they play as a team, they can definitely go past District. When asked what person she looks up to most, she answered Yolanda Dogins because she always has a positive attitude, and works very hard for her starting position.

Since the Srs. just received their letter jackets, Danna said it really made her realize how close the end of high school was. She says she will miss high school and basketball, but plans to attend South West Texas State University and major in Elementary Education. Danna is the daughter of A.D. and Katherine Fudge of Altair.

Who's zat?

By RENEE BALAS

This little girl is smiling from ear to ear because her Huggies diaper did not leak. The only clue given was that she was a senior. Kim Garrett, Jeff Marquart, and Jennifer Mader won the "Strained Pea" award for having no idea who this face belonged to. Traci Klein received Gerber's Spinach for guessing this to be Jennifer Mader. Other incorrect guessers were: Kevin Bendy who guessed Leslie Sunderman; Jose De La Garza who guessed Suzanne Corman; and Patty Stephens who guessed Traci Klein.

All of the wrong guessers received leakage diapers by Luvs.

The smiling faces of the students who received the silver rattle award for guessing correctly were Jennifer Matthews, Suzanne Corman, Dionne Glover and Brian Balas. They all knew this cute grin belonged to no other than Sherri Cheatham. She is the daughter of Cindy and Mike Cheatham of Eagle Lake. Sherri is an active member of Future Teachers of America and the Senior class.

Pictured are two of the top three American History projects, the Southern plantation by Laurie Abel, left, and the one-room schoolhouse by Renee Balas. RR Photo

A step back in time

By PATTY STEPHENS

Coach Jesse Russell's American History classes breathed a sigh of relief as their semester projects were completed and turned in on December 11. Along with a hand crafted project, dealing with the colonial era or frontier days, a report was also required that had to cover the historical background of their project. The projects were judged by Mrs. Iris Danklefs of Garwood, Brigadier General Joe Frazar of Eagle Lake and Mr. C. W. DeShazo of Sheridan. The projects were then given a final grade that counted as three daily grades. The first place project was made by Phillip Ferguson who created the main building of Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello. Laurie Abel placed second with her version of a Southern Plantation. A one-room schoolhouse, made by Renee Balas, placed third.

Sophomores, just think what you have to look forward to next year!

Wrong address

The wrong address was given for Cyslic Fibrosis Foundation. The correct address is Cyslic Fibrosis Foundation, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, P. O. Box 5847, Houston, Texas 77265. The family regrets this error.

S. Pustejovsky chosen student pride winner

By Jennifer Mader

Shannan Pustejovsky, daughter of Skip and Judy Pustejovsky, was chosen as the Student Pride Award winner for last week. "I feel very proud and this award gives me a sense of accomplishment. I set goals for myself, such as trying to maintin good grades."

Besides taking a full class load, Shannan is active in the Outriders, National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, and Lady Raider basketball. As to her future plans, she will atend a two year college and hopes to become a teacher. This is her advice for other students hoping to achieve this award - "just try your best and don't get frustrated when things aren't going your way."

Lab equipment donations made

Donations continue to come in for the Cobas Mira Chemistry System for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital's lab department. New donors are added to the end of the list:

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About town...

•A family meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings was served at noon Sunday, Dec. 13 at the home of Wilfred and Shirley Luedecke. Family members celebrated the birthdays of Shirley Luedecke (Dec. 9), Tim Luedecke (Dec. 19), Vernell Luedecke (Dec. 20), Stacy Mueller (Dec. 26) and Stacie Marie Mueller (Dec. 31).

•Brandon Struss, 20 month old son of Warren and Colleen Struss, had open heart surgery Wednesday, Dec. 16. He is in intensive care at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

•Annie Kohleffel returned home Dec. 9 from Rosewood Hospital in Houston. She had fell at her business the Friday before and had broken her shoulder. A speedy recovery is wished for Annie.

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FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I am 6 years old. I would like a teddy bear and his name is Teddy Ruxpin. And also I would like a big stuffed teddy bear, a remote-control airplane, and a Go-Bot and a transformer. Dear santa, I like you very much.
Love, Tommy Garza

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I want some presents. I want some markers, bike, a christmas tree, and an exerciser. I'm good.
Love, Adrian Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am good for heaven sakes. I will want a pink scooter, a red bike, a 3-wheeler (make it real this time), and a desk like Mrs. Ondrusek's make it brown like hers. I hope you have a very Merry Chritmas dear, dear, Santa.
Trish Chisum

Dear Santa,
I am Johnny Wayne Slawinksi Jr. I am in the first grade. I am 6 years old. I want a bike and a soccer ball.
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I want a Talking Mickey Mouse, a crying baby doll, a baby laugh-a-lot, a cricket boy, and a motorcycle Happy Christmas.
Leslie Kershner

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want shoes like Adrian's, some blue jeans, coat, a school box and a pack of pencils and markers. I'm a first grader and I am seven years old.
Love, Mercedes Estrada

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I'm 7 years old. I want a cricket Doll, I want a Jam doll, a new school box, new colors and markers.
Happy christmas
Katrina Jones

Dear Santa,
I Love you, Santa. You've been good to me. I've been good. I would like a two-wheeler a soccer ball a scooter, a shotgun and skates.
Santa Claus I'll leave you some cookies when you come to my house.
Jay Knight III

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I want a Scooter, bike, Pogo ball, bat, some new blue jeans, and a desk. Merry christmas!
Paul Hadac

Dear Santa,
I am good. I am 8 years old. I want a machine gun, bicycle, a radio, and a remote control tractor. I like christmas Eve. Now it is christmastime. It is time for santa.
Love, Brad Owers

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade. I want a kiddie typewriter, play house and a calendar and a bed. Merry Christmag!
Love, Mandy Ross

Dear Santa,
Ive been good. I never get my name on the board. Some times I work nicely. I would like a scooter, joggin gear and a machine gun and a 10-speed bike.
My friend, Lucas Poole

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I am 6 years old. I want a pony, and a four-wheeler. I want a trailor and tractor, and 3-wheeler. I've been good in the school. My teacher is Mrs. Ondrusek. I am Your friend.
David Rangel

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I want a cricket Boy, Barbie dolls, skate board scooter, and a swing set.
I like you santa,
Stacy Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I've been nice. I want a scooter, a doll, a real cat, a doll, a real cat, and a Lunch box. Have a nice christmas.
Love, Kimberly Smith

Dear Santa,
I am good. I am in the first grade. I want a Talking Mickey Mouse and pink bicycle
Christine Scott

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
How are you? As for me just fine. I have been very, very, very good!! Would you bring me Rudolf for a pet? I love Christmas very much! I have been very good so I can get a present. Where is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is fine. Good Bye!!
Your best friend, Rafael Rangel Jr.
P.S. If you bring me Rudolf for a pet, I promise I'll take good care of him!

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a motorsical, and I would like a helmet, and I would like a suit.
Your friend, Michael Brown

Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Joshua. I was verey verey good. I will love a present. I want that for years. Would you give me a present? Please I want one. Would you give me a big foot. I'm your frend, Joshua, I love you. and say hello to Mrs. Claus.
Joshua Glenn Godley

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am in 2nd grade. I like to have a doll. I want Heather she talks. I want a talking Cabichpach. I want Teddy Ruxpin. Tell Miss Claus hi.
Love, Hellena Ann Banks

Dear Santa Claus,
sae hi to miss claus. I was a good girl. My name is Karen I would like a radio. I want some gams. I would like roller skates. I would like a new bike. I would like some candy. I would like some talking Cabbage Patch kid. I want some records.
Love, Karen Kazmir

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? Fine I hope. Tell hello to Mrs. Claus for me. How are your reindeer? Fine I hope too! I have been very, very, very good! Is it cold in the North Pole? I do like your deer. Have your deer been good? Would you bring me a Pound Puppy and a Baby Heather and a Flash light and a My Sister.
Love, Angela Sneeringer

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope fine. You are nice. I have been working hard. I am seven years old. I been good. I want a scooter and a book and a nightgown and a housecoat.
Love, Lainee Labay

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a gokart, and a car. I want my cousin John to come, and I want you to bring Rudolf to come.
Your friend, Travis Moss

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good in school. I'll be glad when it is Christmas. I bet you have alot of work to do. Turn off the lights when you get there. I want a drum set and a jambox.
Love, Stephanie Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Say Hello to Miss Claus. I've been doing good in school. I need a pretty baby. I want to put cookies and milk. Can you put a gift in my house? I wrote a nuff.
Love, Carol Kazmir

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been pretty good! Santa I promise the cookies will be ready. What I want is an Alf. Say hello to Rudolf for me.
your frind, Monte Peck

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I like Christmas. I am fine. Are you? I have been good. I like school. How is Rudolf? I want a new doll. I want some tapes. I want a cassette player, and a new ring, and a necklace, and makeup.
Love, Christy Kincheloe

Dear Santa,
I want a swing and a new bike and bigwheel and School box and Rudolf and a new cat and a dog.
My friend is Joshua.
Your friend, Kevin Godley.

Dear Santa Claus,
Say Hi to Miss Claus. How are you? you are nice. Santa brings toys. you are a nice bowl of jelly. I like you. I like your presents. Do you still have Rudolf? I want a truck. I want a cat. I want a train. I need new underwear.
Your friend, Nathan

Dear Santa,
You are a nice bowl of jelly. I am a good boy. Santa plese say hello to Mrs. Claus. I have a good grade. I have a Rudolf with my friend. I want a truck.
your friend, James

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a cabbage and I want a Rudolf doll, a school box, glue and colors.
Your friend, Sherre Toliver

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been very good. I like the good toys that you bring me. If I be so good will you take me for a ride? I like Rudolf and ayou and all of the other reindeer.
Clinton

Dear Santa,
I've been good. You are nice. Santa Claus is shiny. I want a cassette.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I miss you Santa. I Love you Santa Santa I am a very good girl. Santa you are good to me.
Love, Natesha Glover

Dear Santa,
I want two rod and reels and a tacklebox and some LL cool J. taps, the fat boys too.
I love you, Joe

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Peace on earth, good will to men

By Rev. Charles E. Runk, pastor United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake

One of the great desires of men is for peace. The world has followed with interest this week the signing of a disarmament agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union. Today we hear of "wars and rumors of wars" in many parts of the world: Central America, the Middle East, Afghanestan and South Africa. As long as there are trouble spots like these we are all in danger.

Not only is there the desire for world peace but also for inner peace. There is so much turmoil and dissatisfaction in people's lives. Many are uncertain about their economic future; families are in disruption; persons are hurting from the circumstances of their lives. Satan has let loose his furry upon all the earth.

In the midst of all this there comes the Good News of a peace which "world neither gives or can take away" — a peace which came at the birth of our Lord.

Many years before, the prophet Isaiah foretold of the Messiah and that one of his names would be the Prince of Peace. He further prophesied that peace would be a sign of his kingdom.

At the Lord's birth the angle declared "peace among men of goodwill." As Jesus was about to leave his disciples he said, "My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you."

There is a peace which comes from the Lord Jesus Christ for the world and for our lives. In fact, he is the only source of peace for men and nations. The agreements of nations are not permanent; the things of the world will pass away; the satisfactions of life will not last. Only Jesus Christ can give permanent peace; peace that is not distracted by the changes, turmoils and troubles of the world. Wherever God's kingdom rules in the hearts of men and over nations, peace will reign.

We celebrate the birth of the Prince or Peace. Although there is no peace in all the world, there is the hope and the faith and the expectation for it. I think two stanzas from Longfellow's poem, **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day** expresses it best:

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

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