



Pictured above are PJs Lisa Rubio as Nancy, Shelly Myres as Oliver and Katlyn Thomas as the Artful Dodger performing a rousing rendition of "Consider Yourself" at a recent event in Houston.

Photo Courtesy of Tom Reed

## PJs working hard on 'Oliver'

The Prairie Edge Junior Players (PJs) are in full swing putting the final touches on their production of Dickens' classic—"Oliver".

The cast of 25 young people, aged five through 15, have worked hard since Oct. to learn the lines and songs

of this wonderful and most demanding production.

Five members of the cast were invited to perform three numbers from the show at a fund raiser in Houston Dec. 1.

The crowd of some 50 congressmen, city councilmen, candidates and other officials was enormously impressed with the children's energy, enthusiasm and talent.

You too can be delighted by this local children's theatre group on Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum.

Reserved seats are \$5; regular adult, \$2; and children under 12, \$1.

Reserved tickets are available at Laker Printing, Lake Motors and Dairy Delite.

Other tickets will be available at the door.

## New direction for PEM

At the Dec. meeting of the Board of Directors of Prairie Edge Museum (PEM), Randy Burrow was elected President for 2000.

Other officers include Vice President Melvin Schmidt, Secretary Lisa Rose and Treasurer Grace Cooper.

Members of the governing board are, for the Class of 2000: Burrow, Cooper, Schmidt and Debbie Politsch plus alternates, Victor Scott and W.H. Harrison; for the Class of 2001: Obie Rhodes, Carol Bluntson, Helen Craig and Jean Leopold plus alternates, Mary Lou Szymanski and Ben Castillo; for the Class of 2002: Rose, Suzanne Sykowski, Veronica Curry, Melvin Gordon, plus alternates, Ted

Brunner and Mae Ashby.

Continuing will be Harrison, Scott and Rollin Baker as curators; Ethel McCreary, Louise Brunner and Szymanski, Thrift Shop managers; Becky Chamberlain as weekend receptionist; and Lucy Contreras as assistant curator under the S.T.E.P. program.

Rhodes, retiring after three years as PEM Board President, was cited for his outstanding leadership.



Isidoro Ramirez, VFW Senior Vice Commander, layed a wreath next to the VFW Memorial on the square.

Photo Courtesy of Shannan Taylor/VFW

## VFW 8783 honors vets

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8783 participated in a wreath laying ceremony and a re-dedication of the Veterans Memorial in conjunction with the VFW 100th Anniversary.

Present for the ceremony and service were Commander Len Matula; Sr. Vice Commander Isidoro Ramirez; Jr. Vice Commander Ervin Hurd; Earl Rodgers, Quartermaster; Melvin Stancik, Adjutant; Harry Supak, Chaplain; Service Officer, V.J. (Jiggs) Kana; Elmer Struss, Sr. Vice Commander American Legion; and Frank Seals, new member Post 8783.

The VFW would like to thank all those who attended the Memorial and Re-dedication Service.

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## Police

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ported a theft. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 11:28 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a disturbance on Fourth St. Officer Nelson spoke with both parties and found no violence had occurred.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to North St. at 2:20 p.m. in reference to suspicious activity. Subjects were located and identified.

# RAIDER REVIEW

## Raiders' basketball season

By Sharla Wauls

Basketball season recently started and both Rice varsity teams show promise of a good season.

The Lady Raiders are coached by Shannon Permenter. JV coach is Sylvia Willis. Brad Dumont heads the boys' team and is assisted by Chans Chapman with JV and Larry Wuthrich with freshmen.

When coaches Dumont and Permenter were asked how their teams played in their opening games, both agreed their teams played very hard and very well. The coaches also agreed the teams show good sportsmanship and attitudes.

Permenter said the girls will have a good season if the younger players can step up and help the older players

out. Dumont said the boys are hoping to have a better season than last year. His goal is to finish around .500.

Permenter reports that Erica Dunmore is the player to watch on the girls' team. The boys are a balanced team that plays together as one.

Members of the Lady Raider Varsity team are Erica Dunmore, Meiosha Barrow, Kendra Colson, Crystal Alcalar, LaTisha Banks, Odyssey Johnson, Lakesha Johnson, Janna Janish, Tankia Scott and Keisha Sewell.

Members of the boys Varsity team are Adrian Middleton, Jason Barrow, Jesse Upson, Quentin Whitfield, Norris Powell, Conrad Diggs, Ben Ortiz, Dustin Brisco, Chaston Thomas, Levi Zuniga and Edwin Miller.

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## Who's Zat?

By Jamie Christ

Who does this cute smile belong to? That is the only question several students at Rice High School were asked. The only clue given was that she is a senior.

Some said it was the smile that gave it away. Others said "the eyes surely do have to belong to her." Whatever it was, most students recognized this adorable little girl as none other than Ann Capps.

She is the daughter of Lucy Capps of Eagle Lake.

Ann is involved in numerous activities. She is in FFA and is showing a heifer in the local show in Jan. She is also participating in Senior Serve and playing power puff football.



## Meet the Raider

By Heather Henske

With quick movements and extraordinary athletic ability, the Rice Varsity basketball players are doing their best on and off the court.

This week the Raiders spotlight is shining brightly on sophomore Adrian Middleton. Adrian can be seen on the court playing small forward and wearing jersey #00.

When asked how he feels the team is playing so far he responded, "I think we are still learning. We are young but have a lot of talent."

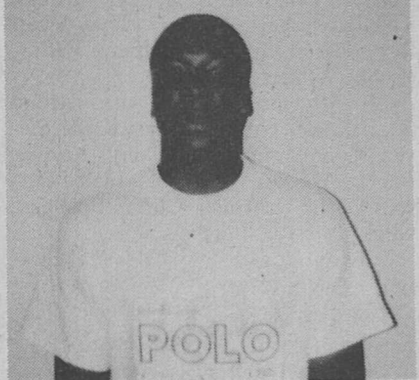
On his opinion of the coaches he stated, "I think they know what we are

capable of doing. They push us hard to make sure we give only our best."

With teams like Stafford and Hitchcock in the district, Adrian thinks the best thing the team can do is take advantage of Needville and Sealy, then see where that takes them.

Adrian is the son of Sylvester and Delois Middleton of Eagle Lake.

In addition to playing basketball, he was a standout on the football team. He also participates in track and FFA.



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